

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 20, 1963

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Unruh, and Senator Hodge was introduced to discuss S.B. 44. He explained that this proposal does not impair the present law which is somewhat clumsy; that it deals with the consolidation of townships; that two or more townships could get together and present their joint agreement to the County Commissioners, who would then submit the question to the voters. Fred Meek also appeared in support of the proposal, and stated that for sometime he had been considering enabling legislation of this type; that with this bill, townships could consolidate and buy road machinery for road maintenance whereas now they can't afford the expenses either for machinery or for a salary for operators.

Mr. Gardner introduced Mr. Shields, who appeared to explain H.B. 211. Mr. Shields stated that this is a companion bill to 158 which was before the Municipalities committee earlier and is now on General Orders. He states that it pertains only to a water district in Johnson County and deals with about \$5 million dollars on an advance refund of \$15 million. The proceeds from the sale would be applied toward the principal of the outstanding obligations and the interest applied on the outstanding or new bonds would be issued and no other way. There would be considerable savings with no risk, except the possibility that the federal government might not be sound, which doesn't seem likely.

Mr. Gardner discussed S.B. 20 and said that in 1957 a proposal was passed to create a hospital district in NE Johnson County; that it was not created and another hospital was established; and this is just to get it out of the statute books. Miss Jacquart moved, seconded by Mr. Ford that this be reported favorably. Motion carried unanimously.

Miss Jacquart moved and Mr. Ford seconded that SB 44 be passed out favorably. Motion carried unanimously. Thereupon, Mr. Gardner moved and Mr. Behee seconded that H.B. 211 be passed out favorably. Motion carried by a vote of 9 to 5.

Meeting was adjourned.