

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 22, 1963

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Angell was introduced to discuss the proposed HB 198. He stated that this measure proposes to reduce unfair merchandising, particularly in the advertisement of certain goods at wholesale or lower, and limiting quantities; that the purpose is to draw trade and is unfair to the small merchant or one dealing only with the item advertised at low cost. Members asked questions as to just how the measure would limit merchandising and what other states had done with similar legislation. It was established that California had similar legislation which had worked very well, while in New Mexico, such legislation had been held unconstitutional in the District Court. Mr. Fritton, Mr. Falley and Mr. Butner of the Topeka Grocers Association were present and concurred in what the measure proposes to do. Mr. Fritton spoke in support of the measure, and upon being questioned, stated that the Independent Grocers' Association would be willing to sign a complaint to have this enforced.

Mr. Clark was introduced to discuss HB 312, who stated that this is an anti-littlerbug bill and makes it unlawful to place trash upon any public or private road or highway. It was established, upon questioning, that the present statute covers only municipal areas, and this would include all of the road system. Mr. Clark stated that he had called the highway department, and although the man most concerned with the matter was out of town, they were generally in favor of such a measure. Mr. Unruh stated that he thought there might be a law on the statute book now, at least he thought such a measure had passed two years ago. He agreed to check and see if there was.

Mr. Londerhold from the Governor's office introduced Mr. Fox who discussed two proposals. First, the transfer of the Stormont Medical library to Stormont Vail Hospital, was proposed. He stated that the endowment set up to maintain such library was now, and had been for sometime, inadequate and that it was costing the state considerable money and at the same time was not entirely current. He pointed out that the KU Medical Center library is complete and that Stormont Vail Hospital here is willing to provide space and a librarian; that although the location would be a bit more inconvenient for certain people, it would be better for the doctors.

The other proposal was to centralize and coordinate the state library and the traveling library service; that there has been duplication and incomplete utilization; that after the initial period of transition, personnel could be reduced and it would not only be a saving but would be more efficient.

Mr. Doyen asked to discuss a proposal which was covered in the Governor's message; to move the Atchison home residents to KNI and to transfer the women from the Industrial Fram to the Atchison location. This covers the transfer of records also. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Marshall that the bill be introduced as a committee bill and re-referred to the Committee. Motion was seconded by Miss Jacquart and carried by a vote of 6 to 4.

Concerning the Stormont Library measure, it was moved by W. R. Brown that the bill be introduced as a committee bill and referred back for study. Upon second by Mr. Behee the motion lost by a vote of 4 yes and 8 no. Thereupon, Mr. Doyen moved that the bill be referred to the committee of the whole. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ford and carried by a majority vote.

Concerning the reorganization of the two libraries, Mr. Ford moved that the bill be introduced and referred to the committee of the whole. Motion was seconded by Mr. Riddle and carried by a majority vote.

House Bill 317 was then considered, and upon motion by Mr. Dreiling and a second by Mr. Wallace, the committee voted to recommend the bill favorably.

SCR 17 was then considered; and Mr. Doyen suggested that all of these interested people should bid on the mansion and get it off the state's hands. It was suggested that it wouldn't cost anything to go ahead and let the council study it, and Mr. Doyen replied that it was a matter of \$18,000 per year. It was moved by Mr. Ford that it be recommended for adoption. Motion was seconded by Miss Jacquart and upon vote, lost with 5 yes and 7 no.

Mr. Taylor suggested that with regard to HB 312, the litterbug bill, that some member of the committee look into it and report.

Meeting was adjourned.

STORMONT MEDICAL LIBRARY

INCOME

Income is derived from the Stormont Medical Library Endowment Fund of \$5,000 set up in 1889 by a gift from Mrs. Jane C. Stormont for the purpose of providing a perpetual source of financing a medical library.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Interest Income</u>
1959	\$ 135.45
1960	141.35
1961	141.60
1962	141.60

EXPENSES

Salary of Librarian	\$5,000 (approx.)
Purchase of Journal	762
Purchase of Books	<u>900</u> (estimate)
	\$6,662

*Does not include overhead expenses- janitorial service, lights, heat, etc.