

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 8, 1963

The Committee met briefly in Room 522 so that the Chairman might discuss some proposals that the committee had been asked to introduce as committee bills. He stated that there were five of them, two dealing with the Savings and Loan Act; one asking for a change in the licensing of people handling the sale of 3.2 beer; a bill to replace HB 288 instead of amending that bill in such a major fashion; and a bill to replace the one Mr. Gardner proposed to amend (HB 307). It was moved by Mr. Doyen that these proposals be introduced as Committee bills and re-referred. Motion was seconded by Mr. Riddle and carried unanimously.

Thereupon, the Committee adjourned to Room 529, where the Committee heard proponents of FB 138. Representative Casado made preliminary remarks and introduced Ruth Schicter who in turn introduced various other speakers. Dr. Levinson who has an office in the Civil Rights Commission, stated that there is a great deal of evidence that there is discrimination in granting loans; that in VA loans and FHA, this certainly smacks of discrimination "high up". Dr. Robert Wallenstein of the Menninger Foundation discussed the contention that sale to minority groups results in deflated value of real estate in particular communities. He gave statistics that purport to show this is not true--in fact, that the opposite is true. Rev. Shelton of the Division of Social Relations for the Council of Churches, stated that supposedly churches were all-inclusive and that was not true, but that steps had been taken until the situation was gradually improving and hopefully would be under control soon. He asked that the legislature pass this proposal and place the administration of same under the Civil Rights Commission. Mr. Robert Hughes, a builder from Kansas City stated that it is impossible for certain persons to obtain permission to build in certain areas; that even urban renewal which is supposed to improve the situation still has the tendency to produce the ghetto, because minority groups are limited to certain areas.

Father Roble of Withita, spoke in support of the measure; stating that many legal rights are still withheld from many of the citizens just because they are of minority races; and urged support of the bill. George Bacon of the GI Forum spoke on behalf of the Mexican Americans whom he said had fought for their Country and had never turned their back on danger, yet they were denied the right of decent housing. Rabbi Miller, stated that progress had been made in the 100 years of Kansas Statehood, in the field of eliminating discrimination, but that there is still a long way to go; that he knows of realtors who would like to sell to anyone but are denied the right to do so by local pressures and the need to pursue their own livelihood. Rev. Charles Williams of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Topeka, gave an example of how community feeling can get out of hand, by stating that a colored family had attempted to buy into his area in West Topeka and that the family and their relatives had been threatened and even some of their property damaged; and pointed out that this is Topeka, Kansas, and not Alabama or Mississippi.

Carl Glatt of the Civil Rights Commission stated the need for this legislation by saying that Kansas had regressed instead of going forward, in the field of decent housing for minority groups. He stated that 11 states have laws of this type and that it is found to be successful and helpful.

Dr. Roquemore of the NAACP displayed photographs, showing fine homes standing beside "shacks" and stated that at the present time there is no escape--that negroes are simply not able to secure decent building lots even though they have the means for this. He reiterated much of the previous testimony and asked Committee support of this measure. Meeting was adjourned.

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