

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 11, 1963

The meeting was called to order and Senator Rupp was introduced to discuss SCR 23. He stated that this deals with the electoral college and urged that this is an unfair method presently being used. He stated that 8 states had never had a president or other high official because of their inability to carry enough weight in the electoral college.

Bob Hoffman from the attorney general's office discussed HB 431. This is a proposal suggested by the Governor; that the licensing of 3.2 dealers come under ABC instead of local governmental bodies. He discussed fees and policing action and stated that although it would remove some revenue from the cities and counties in the licensing end, that actually the local law enforcers would probably be glad to hand the entire thing over to the ABC because it becomes a nuisance. There were numerous questions by the committee and discussion as to local problems. It was pointed out by Mr. Hoffman that many times local control hasn't been substantial, at least as evidenced by complaints received in the attorney general's office. He felt that this was because the local officers are well known and it is difficult to "catch" offenders.

Mr. Gardner discussed HB 432, pointing out that this replaces the former HB 307, and embraces the major ~~major~~ amendment that would have been necessary to make that bill acceptable. He states that this would prevent cities from doing away with the retirement plans for firemen and policemen--in other words taking the program away from home rule. It was moved by Mr. Ford that the bill be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mikesic and carried by a majority vote.

H.B. 433, replacing 288, was discussed by Mr. Riddle, and after considerable discussion by the Committee and reference to statute, there was still a question that this measure is necessary. It was felt by some members that Sedgwick County is able to do what it desires in the zoning field. It was suggested that Mr. Ensley of the Kansas League of Municipalities could explain it. Action was postponed.

The Chairman asked for action on SCR 23 and Mr. Unruh moved that it be recommended favorably. Mr. Doyen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Discussion was resumed on HB 260, and Mr. Marshall stated that he felt this was a local matter and should be handled without setting up another commission with state control. Mr. Riddle stated that this is his feeling; that as a matter of fact Wichita is handling their problems by local means. Mr. Ford stated that the plan is "idealistic" instead of "realistic." It was moved by Mr. Riddle that this measure be tabled. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner and carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked the committee to be thinking about HB 138, 431 and HCR 13; that he would like to take action on Monday, the 18th. Meeting was adjourned.