

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 21, 1963

The meeting was called to order and the Chairman stated that at the last meeting HB 431 was discussed and had agreed that the amendments as presented by Mr. Behee were desirable, but that they had been incorrectly drawn, and Mr. Behee was to have them properly drafted and if approved by Mr. Gardner, would be recommended to the house as amended. Some other questions emerged in the meantime and members of the Committee had asked to consider the matter in Committee. Mr. Behee stated that he now had the amendments prepared as intended, i.e. to remove all language referring to Alcoholic Beverage Control, restoring much of the original act and restoring licensing power to the local governments.

Mr. Gardner stated that what had been discussed yesterday was taken care of, but it was his feeling that the requirements were too stringent, and cited an 'accidental' case of conviction that might prevent even a grocery store from selling beer forever. He pointed out other objections, and Mr. Behee stated that he would have no objection to cleaning the bill up further. Mr. Mikesic stated that he felt that the Committee's time could be used to a better advantage; that if the bill got on the floor there was every reason to think that someone might try to amend it, and that it would be time consuming and very undesirable to consider it further. Mr. Behee stated that he wanted it understood that he was preparing the amendments on the assumption that the Committee would go along since the vote was almost unanimous yesterday.

The Chairman stated that he had talked to some of the people involved, suggesting that they work up something for the Committee to consider, and they hadn't done it; that he would tell the Governor, since the bill was introduced at his request, that it was the feeling of the Committee that the bill was badly drawn and time was so short, that the Committee was not in favor of acting on it.

Mr. Behee moved that the bill, HB 431, be tabled, which motion was seconded by Mr. Riddle and passed with one dissenting vote.

Meeting was adjourned.

HB 431 to be amended to restore the licensing authority to city or county officials as provided by existing law, but to retain the provisions of the bill strengthening the requirements and qualifications for cereal malt beverage licensees.

This could be accomplished by restoring the original language of the law and deleting the new language of the bill in Sections 1 and 2, except that in lines 49 and 50 the amended language of the bill should be retained; by retaining Section 3 of the bill in its present form; and by restoring the original language of the present law and deleting the new language of the bill in Sections 4, 5, and 6; also modifying the repealer clause of Section 7.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

Your committee on State Affairs

Recommends that House Bill No. 431

"An Act relating to cereal malt beverages; providing for licensing of persons selling the same by the director of alcoholic beverage control; prescribing registration and licensing fees and for disposition thereof, determining certain classes of parties to whom licenses not issued; providing certain standards for licensed places; providing for revocation of licenses on certain grounds; authorizing appeals in certain cases; authorizing injunction proceedings; and amending sections 41-2701, 41-2703, and 41-2709 of the General Statutes of 1949, and sections 41-2702, 41-2704 and 41-2708 of the General Statutes Supplement of 1961, and repealing said original sections."

Be amended:

By striking all of section 1, and by renumbering original sections 2 and 3 as sections 1 and 2, respectively;

In original section 2, now renumbered section 1, line 49, by inserting after the word "not" the following: "within two (2) years immediately preceding the date of making application";

And that it be further amended by striking all of sections 4, 5 and 6 and by renumbering original sections 7 and 8 as sections 3 and 4, respectively;

In original section 7, now renumbered section 3, line 1, by striking the following: "Sections 41-2701  
/, 41-2703 and 41-2709" and by inserting  
"Section  
41-2703"; also in line 2,  
by striking the following: "sections 41-2702, 41-2704 and 41-2708"  
and by inserting in lieu thereof the word and figures "section 41-2702";

In the title, lines 8 and 9, by striking the following: "sections 41-2701, 41-2703, and 41-2709" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word and figures "section 41-2703"; also in line 9 by striking the word "sections" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "section"; and in line 10, by striking the following: ", 41-2704 and 41-2708";

And that the bill be passed as amended.