

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 27, 1963

The meeting was called to order and Senator Smith was present to discuss Senate Bill No. 195. He stated that this proposal would require the teaching of Communism in the high schools; that is a comparative type teaching with other forms of government. He stated that the Board of Education desires this type of legislation and that several other states have enacted such legislation. He further stated that the American Legion, DAR and others are in favor of this. Senator Sebelius reiterated much of the same philosophy. Mr. Ford inquired if educating the public to accept this would be a problem since people often jump to conclusion without having all the facts. Senator Smith stated that it is anticipated that some of this may occur, but a sampling has been conducted and it is felt there will be a minimum of this type of thing.

Attention was then given to Senate Bills 367, 392 and 402, with Senators Jones and Barr and Colonel Hughes present to discuss these measures. Senator Jones first discussed 367, a measure to place the highway patrol under classified Civil Service. Mr. Hughes stated this is his wish also, as now they are under complete control of the Superintendent and if he had a personality conflict with some man, he could discriminate against him, or politics could enter into it; but under classified Civil Service, this could not happen.

Senator Jones then discussed S.B. 392, which would grant retirement privileges to members of the Patrol. He stated that the members would contribute the same as other state employees, and that the state contribution rate would be the same as for other employees; that the actuary states this would be a sound procedure for years to come, although it could become weak sometime in the future. Colonel Hughes pointed out that the patrol members must retire at age 55 and there is quite a span before they are eligible to draw Social Security.

Senator Jones went on to discuss Senate Bill No. 402, which is to provide retirement for the KBI. He states this bill is primarily the same as for the Patrol, except for the age factor.

The Chairman brought up the subject of SCR 24, the request for a legislative study of elevators, etc. He stated that he sees nothing wrong in taking the matter up but that if questions were in order they should be discussed now.

The Chairman then called for action on the bills under discussion, and Mr. Ford moved the favorable recommendation of S.B. 195. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace and carried 11 to 1.

Miss Jacquart then moved that S.B. 275 be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Unruh and carried unanimously.

Mr. Doyen requested that action be deferred on Senate Bill No. 317.

Mr. Ford moved that S.B. 367 be recommended favorably for passage. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner and upon vote carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Gardner that SB 392 be recommended favorable for passage. Motion carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Ford that SB 402 be passed out favorably. Motion carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Mr. Baringer and seconded by Mr. Riddle that SCR 24 be recommended for adoption. Motion carried by a vote of 7 to 4.

It was moved by Mr. Ford and seconded by Miss Jacquart that HCR 45 be recommended for adoption. Motion carried 8 to 7.

Mr. Ford moved and Mr. Doyen seconded that HCR 46 be recommended favorably. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ferguson appeared to discuss S.B. 428, who stated that the bill has state-wide implication; that it would provide for the use of in-state employees and contractors on state jobs; and pointed out how many out-of-state people earn quite a substantial sum in Kansas and pay no income tax or other tax; that the state is the loser in this matter. Mr. Metschke of the highway department pointed out that this would be difficult for them to administer, but if this is what the majority wants, they will do their best and go along with it, if the bill is amended to exclude federal jobs that bridge state lines.

Mr. Taylor discussed S.B. 328, which would provide liability insurance for five vehicles used at Lansing, which vehicles are used to transport prison made goods. After considerable discussion it was agreed to pass over this matter until more information was available.

The Chairman stated that there were still several bills requiring attention and that if the Committee would give them their attention it would be easier and quicker to get them out.

Meeting was adjourned.