

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 29, 1963

The meeting was called to order and Senator Harbaugh discussed Senate Bill No. 291 by stating that this is a local bill; that Sumner County has a large City lake belonging to the City of Wellington and the park itself also belongs to the city. It has inadequate funds for maintenance and the County residents use it too, so the County desires to provide a levy to help finance it.

Mr. Behee stated he would like to discuss S.B. 328; that he has a letter from the prison stating that liability insurance is needed on the proposed vehicles; that it will be paid for from the funds derived from prison goods and it will cost the state nothing, but when the funds are turned in it will be paid from the general fund. Mr. Kaiser, Director of the Penal Institutions stated that this is a precautionary measure; that the Attorney General recommends that such insurance be provided.

Senator McDowell discussed S.B. 36, stating this is a local bill but would apply also to Sedgwick County. He also discussed SB 178, stating it is a bill applying to townships engaged in operating water systems; that there are only two counties under this, in Leavenworth and in Wyandotte. He further discussed SB 278, a bill applying only to Wyandotte County, proposing a park-way connecting the parks, to get traffic off the main traveled streets. He also discussed SB 6, a measure to provide annuities for certain staff members in the educational field. The Chairman asked if this is the same measure as HB 437 and Senator McDowell stated he didn't know.

Mr. Buntten discussed SB 201 for Senator Taggart, stating it deals with trademarks and service marks, and discussed what constituted each of these things.

Senator Ball discussed SB 269, stating this bill is an "act of mercy"; that it deals with three or four specific employees who had worked beyond the required age and had been paid a salary, and the statute provides that they are liable and must refund this money. The bill asks to waive these few people because now a closer check is made and such a thing is not likely to happen again; that these were special cases and it would be desirable to waive in these cases.

Senator McDowell discussed S.B. 306, stating this is an amendment to the existing statute authorizing cities to issue revenue bonds to develop industrial sites. This would now include not only such groups but the Board of Regents, schools, etc.; that they could set up research parks and build laboratory factories, etc. for the "on the spot" training of graduate students; also, that the specialists at the universities could be utilized and when the people were graduated they would be "really" trained. He stated that this is being done in other states and at other university sites; and that in fact President McCain at Kansas State has already set up a research park on 35 acres; that 600 acres is available at KU; that large corporations are anxious to make grants for such things because they then can expect to draw the graduates to their businesses.

Senator McDowell went on to discuss SB 257, stating that this deals with revenue bonds for dormitories; that each institution would be able to set up a fund to finance additional buildings.

Discussion was resumed on SB 201 and it was moved by Miss Jacquart that same be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Unruh and carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Fribley and seconded by Mr. Gardner that SB 291 be passed out favorably. Motion carried unanimously.

Thereupon, Mr. Behee moved and Mr. Baringer seconded that SB 269 be recommended favorably. Motion carried 10 to 1.

Mr. Fribley moved and Mr. Mikesic seconded that SB 6 be passed out favorably. Motion carried 13 to 1.

It was moved by Mr. Mikesic that SB 36 be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Unruh and carried with a unanimous vote.

It was moved by Mr. Mikesic that SB 178 be recommended favorably. Upon second by Mr. Unruh, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that SB 278 be recommended favorably.

Upon motion and second that SB 257 be passed out favorably, motion carried with one dissenting vote.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that SB 306 be recommended favorably.

Mr. Launderholm was introduced to discuss SB 337, a bill to permit reciprocal agreements by the Board of Regents concerning courses not carried by Kansas Schools, and permitting an exchange of students with other state colleges and universities; particularly citing the fine school of dentistry in Kansas City, whereas Kansas does not have one. Also, vet school, such as at Kansas State.

Mr. Launderholm went on to discuss SB 387, the architects bill; to register them and give them more prestige outside the state; that some 42 states have a stronger law than we have and that Kansas architects would like reciprocity. Lester Goodell appeared on behalf of the Board and Kansas Architects Association, and stated that this has no application if you wish to build an ordinary building; that it applies in the case of a commercial building such as an office building, school, church, etc. or public assembly building of more than 55 capacity. He stated that the Registration Board feels that Kansas architects are considered sub-standard because of their lax laws.

It was moved by Mr. Baringer and seconded by Mr. Fribley that SB 337 be recommended for passage. Motion carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Mr. Behee and seconded by Mr. Fribley that SB 387 be recommended favorably. Motion carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Mr. Fribley that SB 328 be recommended for passage. Upon second by Mr. Gardner motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.