

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 1, 1963

The meeting was called to order and Senator Barr was introduced to discuss SB 139, who in turn introduced Charles Stowe. Mr. Stowe discussed the history of such a proposal and stated that the CPA's and accountants were asking for this; that the measure has been amended to conform with the wishes of business colleges. This is prompted by the desire for higher standards in the people calling themselves public accountants; that the way the statutes now are, anyone can call himself a public accountant without any training whatsoever. All accountants will be required to register with a year from the effective date, which will "grandfather" all those in the business. Mr. Barr stated that one of the reasons the bill is so important, is for reciprocity; that there will be no change in the requirements for CPA's; that it makes no change in the status of the bookkeeper or accountant.

Mr. Garwood was introduced to discuss SB 176, dealing with nursery dealers' license; that it seeks to regulate them so that insects and other pests can be eliminated in transporting plants and seeds.

Senator Murray discussed S.B. 316, the bill proposing to charge a fee for the use of the six parks (federal parks in Kansas); and stated that his Committee had amended the bill to provide for a temporary permit of \$1 instead of the blanket fee of \$5, but that the Senate on the floor, had taken the amendment out. He stated that this would help in maintaining the parks and the people who utilized them would pay for this. Upon questions, Mr. Murray stated that it was the argument that it would be too difficult to administer two fee rates.

Senator Murray proceeded to discuss SB 401, concerning the Real Estate Commission, and then introduced Mr. Dawson, Director of the Commission. He stated that the primary target was those people who come into the state and advertise and sell lots in other areas, where absolute fraud is involved. He displayed an advertisement depicting a certain area as "resort" country, and described the actual area as arid and no account.

Senator Murray then discussed SB 427, which he described as the anti-discrimination in accommodations bill. He stated

that the bill proposes to place the matter under the Civil Rights Commission, and would require equal rights in hotels, motels, restaurants, bowling alleys, swimming pools, etc.

Mr. McAttee discussed SB 162, the unclaimed property act, and stated that it is recommended by the Interstate Cooperation Commission; that several states have enacted such legislation. He cited several cases of abandoned property matter, and stated that it would relieve the burden on many businesses so far as their bookkeeping is concerning; that it would bring in considerable revenue but at the same time, exhaustive investigation to try to locate the person who abandoned the property would have to be made, which would take away some of the money which would be realized. He stated that this is not exactly like the model act, and stated reasons why it was drafted to suit our individual need. He stated that insurance companies and some stocks might have to be handled differently and then Senator Hodge stated that he had amendments prepared which would help take care of these questions. Also, the statute of limitations matter was discussed. Mr. McAttee was asked if he would like a legislative council study and he stated that the committee had worked on this and he couldn't see where this would help.

The Chairman stated that SB 368 had been in the Military Affairs Committee, and that they had amended the bill and were now presenting it to State Affairs. Mr. Carlson appeared to explain the amendments.

The Chairman stated that previously SB 6 had been recommended favorably and that several members had asked for reconsideration; and went on to state that Mr. Shapiro had said HB 437 is the bill requested by the Board of Regents and that SB 6 would cost a lot of adminster but would not do as much as HB 437 for the same amount or less money. It was moved by Mr. Gardner that action be rescinded on SB 6. Motion was seconded by Mr. Behee and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gardner moved that SB 176 be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Unruh and carried 8 to 4.

Thereupon, Mr. Gardner moved, seconded by Mr. Marshall that SB 401 be recommended favorably. Motion lost 6 to 7 and mr. Gardner stated that this is an important bill and that it shouldn't be taken lightly and stated that he hoped the Committee would think about the bill and action could be asked for again.

Mr. Behee moved to amend the bill and the Chairman stated this is still on the calendar and could be considered again; and Mr. Behee withdrew his amendment and stated he would like to take it up again later.

With regard to SB 427, Mr. Riddle moved to table, and Mr. Behee seconded the motion. Motion lost 6 to 7. Mr. Behee stated that Section 8 bothers him and he hoped to study it before action was taken.

Mr. Bunten moved the favorable recommendation of SB 368 and Mr. Marshall stated that he would like to look the matter over before action is taken. Mr. Bunten agreed to withdraw his motion until Mr. Marshall had investigated the proposed amendment.

Meeting was adjourned.