

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 5, 1963

The meeting was called to order and the Chairman stated that he had been handed a proposed concurrent resolution concerning a portion of the constitution, which would permit the legislature to fix a term of office of members of the Board of Regents, etc. Mr. Unruh asked who made the request and the Chairman stated that the Speaker handed the resolution to him and it was his presumption that the Governor had asked for it. Mr. Baringer moved to introduce same as a Committee resolution to the Committee of the Whole, and motion was seconded by Mr. Buntin. Upon vote, motion carried 11 to 3.

Mr. Bob Brown discussed Joint Resolution No. 4, dealing with the import of beef and meats of other kinds. He stated that canned meats are stamped "imports" but that fresh meat is sometimes camouflaged by grinding it up into hamburger with domestic meats and he asked that this be controlled by passing the resolution. He stated that the Board of Health is in accord with this proposal. Mr. Gardner moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Mr. Mikesic, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman stated that SB 137 would be considered, and asked if the Committee wished to consider the bill as it came from Judiciary or as it came from the Senate Committee. It was moved, seconded and carried 12 to 3 that the bill be considered as it was originally printed for the House. Miss Jacquart presented an amendment that would permit the elevators to operate during harvest season, and moved the adoption of the amendment. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Doyen stated that he had some amendments that would provide for local option. After considerable discussion it was decided not to ask for the adoption of such an amendment, and then after additional discussion, Mr. Doyen moved that the "local option" amendments be adopted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Unruh but lost 6 yes and 10 no. Mr. Gardner then moved the favorable recommendation of 137, as amended. Motion was seconded by Mr. Doyen and upon ballot vote the count was 9 yes and 9 no. The Chairman voted yes to break the tie and the motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Carl Meyer, Vice-President of the Columbian Security Company, stated that they are concerned about this measure because they are a bond dealer; that this concern feels that such a measure would have a bad effect on the market and would in effect that millions of dollars out of the Kansas banks; that it would eventually cause an increase in the rate of loan interest, and cause the tax payers to pay more instead of less.

Mr. Crossan spoke in opposition to the proposal, stating that these governing bodies were not set up to make money; that they were just to handle enough money to take care of the budget only; that the people are fine, dedicated individuals and are just that--not trained in investments and finance, and that it is his opinion that such legislation is bad and perhaps even unconstitutional.

Members of the Committee asked specific questions of various people who appeared, but no discussion was held.