

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
February 3, 1964

The meeting was called to order and Mr. VanLandingham was introduced to discuss HCR 14. He stated that this is a Resolution introduced by his brother in the Arizona Legislature, which passed both houses there; that this Resolution is non-partisan and that it merely states what Kansans believe concerning Communism and urges our U. S. Representatives to be firm in dealing with the situation. Mr. Baringer asked what was meant by "firm stand", and Mr. VanLandingham stated that he felt it meant not backing down to the demands of other countries. Mr. Gardner expressed himself as wondering if this sort of thing does any good, but agreed that we should deal with situations that come up, and therefore, if there was a chance that these resolutions carried weight, it should be adopted. Mr. Unruh stated that just a few days ago a plane was shot down and that already it is a closed issue; that these things should not be passed over lightly, and also cited the Panamanian situation.

Mr. Shrewder was introduced to discuss HCR 2. He stated that this is only for one purpose--in the interest of law enforcement; that anymore law enforcement is a profession and if a sheriff is limited to two terms, all of his training has gone down the drain, and that this resolution seeks to eliminate this restriction. Mr. Ford stated that the Treasurers want the same thing, but that they don't do any work about it and then want to get on the same resolution with the sheriffs and that this year they are asking to "go it alone".

It was moved by Mr. Dreilling and seconded by Mr. Gardner that HCR 2 be recommended favorably. Motion carried by a vote of 15 yes to 1 no.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Gardner, seconded by W. R. Brown, and carried unanimously that HCR 14 be recommended favorably.

Meeting was adjourned.

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 14

By Mr. VANLANDINGHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the congress of the United States to support a firm policy against communism.

WHEREAS, It is the belief of the members of this legislature that the current events of world affairs are of vital importance to each and every individual on this American continent; and

WHEREAS, The recent activities of the communist world have brought riot and bloodshed to the very doorstep of our United States, and there is a very real danger and threat unless these activities are met and dispelled; and

WHEREAS, It is the belief of this elected body of senators and representatives that the concern and interest of the state of Kansas should be expressed to our representatives in the congress of the United States for assistance in their deliberations: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That we respectfully urge the congress of the United States to fully support the present and future administrations of the United States government in fulfilling all commitments to meet and repel communist infiltration of the free world wherever it may occur. In relation to the recent events in Latin America, we urge the support of a firm stand against appeasement and retreat and a positive policy to prevent the domination of any country on the American continent by foreign powers or ideologies; that we do not retreat on these commitments in relation to the present problems with Panama and that our firm position be upheld.

*Be it further resolved:* That the secretary of state be directed to transmit copies of this memorial to the president of the United States senate, the speaker of the house of representatives of the United States, and to each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.

favorable

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 2

By MESSRS. SHREWDER and FORD

*Journal*

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to a proposition to amend section 2 of article 4 of the constitution of the state of Kansas by eliminating the provision which prohibits a person from holding the office of sheriff for more than two consecutive terms.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate concurring therein:*

SECTION 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: That section 2 of article 4 of the constitution of the state of Kansas be amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. General elections and township elections shall be held biennially on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November in the years bearing even numbers. All county and township officers shall hold their offices for a term of two years and until their successors are qualified: *Provided*, One county commissioner shall be elected from each of three districts, numbered 1, 2, and 3, by the voters of the district, and the legislature shall fix the time of election and the term of office of such commissioners; such election to be at a general election, and no term of office to exceed six years. All officers whose successors would, under the law as it existed at the time of their election, be elected in an odd-numbered year shall hold office for an additional year and until their successors are qualified. No person

20 shall hold the office of ~~sheriff or~~ county treasurer for more  
21 than two consecutive terms.”

SEC. 2. This proposition shall be submitted to the electors  
2 of the state at the general election in the year 1964 for their  
3 approval or rejection. The proposed amendment to the consti-  
4 tution shall be published by the secretary of state and printed  
5 on the ballot, and shall be voted for or against as provided by  
6 law.

SEC. 3. This resolution, if concurred in by two-thirds of the  
2 members elected to the house of representatives and two-thirds  
3 of the members elected to the senate, shall be entered on the  
4 journals, together with the yeas and nays, and the proposition  
5 shall be published and submitted to the electors as provided by  
6 law; and it shall also be published by the secretary of state in  
7 the Budget Session Laws of Kansas for 1964, and be given a  
8 chapter number therein.