

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 5, 1964

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Spear was introduced and discussed his opposition to HCR 15. He stated that 60% of all crime involved liquor; that it should not be made more readily available because no one can predict who might become an alcoholic when they start to drink; that he feels DWI cases will increase and that already convictions are all but impossible to secure as cases are appealed and then the charge is reduced, they pay a fine and are released. Mr. McGuire stated that there is a need to limit the amount of alcohol used--not to encourage its use.

Mr. Mikesic inquired if the gentlemen felt that the people should have an opportunity to decide such a controversial question and Mr. Spear stated that he felt the proposition might be worded in such a way as to confuse the people. Mr. Mikesic reiterated that it was a question that should be brought before the people. After considerable discussion, Mr. Bunten stated that he felt this was turning into a philosophical discussion instead of questions to the opponents. Mr. Wiatt stated that he was surprised that there were not more people appearing but that if the cities really wanted to they could control the situation now if they really wanted to, and cited how Wichita had established a licensing procedure; that he felt there were more important things that should be placed on the ballot at this time.

Mr. Clark appeared to discuss HR 16, and stated that it dealt with a council study on the County Manager type government. Mr. Fribley asked if a study hadn't been made and it was established that Mr. Connard had introduced such a bill last session, which passed the house but was killed in the Senate; but that this has previously had some thought.

The Chairman called for action on HCR 15, and Mr. Mikesic moved its favorable recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dreilling and upon vote by secret ballot the vote was tied 9 & 9. Thereupon the Chairman cast a no vote and the motion was lost.

The Chairman asked the feeling of the Committee on HCR 16. Mr. Doyen stated that the council had so much work to do and moved that the Committee not consider it. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner and was unanimously carried.

Meeting was adjourned.