

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 6, 1964

The meeting was called to order and the Chairman stated that consideration would be given to HCR 9 and 10. Mr. Baringer presented an amendment (attached) and gave his reasons for same (attached).

Mr. Gardner stated that he felt we probably need a session every year and that the Budget Session isn't meeting the need because of the limitations, and the chance that legislation is passed that is certainly borderline on constitutionality. There was sentiment that there should be some limitation placed on the length of session, both for even and odd years, but also feeling that there would be a desire on the part of the legislature to do the right thing and limit themselves and that quite likely it would tend to reduce the length of session in odd years if the even year sessions were not so limited. There was some discussion that the odd year sessions should be limited to Committee bills, but then it was pointed out that the legislature could limit itself by resolution, and that no restriction should be placed on the proposition. Several members expressed themselves that it would save money because all of the legislators would then be working, instead of as in the Budget Session, only the members of the major committees.

Mr. Bunten stated that while the amendment may have merit he opposes HCR 9 and supports 10; that he feels HCR 9 would, amended or not, tend to cost more and more money.

It was moved by Mr. Baringer and seconded by Mr. Mikesic that HCR 9 be amended (see attached). Motion carried 10 to 5. Thereupon, Mr. Baringer moved that HCR 9, as amended, be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mikesic and carried 11 to 4.

Mr. Taylor asked an expression of feeling concerning HCR 10, and Mr. Gardner moved to table. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mikesic and carried unanimously.

The Chairman stated that regarding the two Hutchinson resolution, there was now no demand for them, and that they could just sit in committee if it was the will of the members.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Baringer*

STATE OF KANSAS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I move to amend House ~~Bill~~ Concurrent Resolution No. 9,  
 Section 1, Line 7, by striking the word "eighteen" and inserting  
in lieu thereof the word "nineteen"; in line 8 by striking the  
following: "seventy-seven, all" and inserting in lieu thereof the  
word "sixty-five"; in line 9 by striking the words "in two years"  
and inserting in lieu thereof the words "each year"; also in line 10  
by striking all of said line after the word "January" and inserting  
a period after the word "January"

*L. Roy E. Baringer*  
 Rep. 85<sup>th</sup> District.



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MY REASONS FOR PRESENTING THIS AMENDMENT TO HCR# 9

This resolution with the proposed amendment seems shorter, less confusing in the stating of it's intent and would therefore be more readily understood by the voters of Kansas.

Our regular sessions are limited in duration by salary and expense money appropriation.

It seems only reasonable to me that the regular session now held in odd numbered years might be shortened to less than 60 days and that the session in even numbered years might need more than 60 days to complete it's business.

I believe that should any group of legislators spend unnecessary time down here they would not and should not come back many times.

My opinion is that with yearly general sessions few sessions would run more than a 60 day period.

To limit either session to committee bills only, as has been suggested, is setting up a possible problem comparable to the objections now voiced against the budget session.

It would result in setting up a possibility of hiding needed legislation not only from the general public but from the legislature as well.

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 9

By MESSRS. DIERDORFF, CROSSAN, BEAMAN, KRUG and BLYTHE,  
and Miss JACQUART

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to a proposition to amend section 25 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas relating to the time and place of holding of sessions of the legislature.

*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 25 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas be amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 25. All sessions of the legislature shall be held at the state capital, and beginning with the session of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, all regular sessions shall be held once in two years, commencing on the second Tuesday of January of each alternate year thereafter. ~~Beginning with the year 1956, budget sessions of not to exceed thirty calendar days in duration shall be held, commencing on the second Tuesday in January, and each even numbered year thereafter, at which the legislature shall consider only the governor's budget report, appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal year, revenue bills necessary therefor, and such bills, reso-~~

18 lutions or motions as may be necessary to provide  
19 for the expenses and conduct of the budget session.”

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  
6 by 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.

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 10

By MESSRS. MCCALL, GILLARD, DIXON, HARPER,  
PAINTER, CRAM and CLARK

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to a proposition to amend section 25 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas relating to sessions of the legislature.

*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 25 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas be amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 25. All sessions of the legislature shall be held at the state capital, and beginning with the session of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, all regular sessions shall be held once in two years, commencing on the second Tuesday of January of each alternate year thereafter. Beginning with the year ~~1956~~ 1966, ~~budget~~ regular sessions of not to exceed ~~thirty~~ sixty calendar days in duration shall be held, commencing on the second Tuesday in January, and each even-numbered year thereafter, at which the legislature shall consider only the governor's budget report, appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal year, revenue bills necessary therefor, and such bills, resolutions or motions as may be necessary to provide for the expenses and conduct of the budget session.”

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