

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 16, 1965

The meeting was called to order and the Chairman introduced Senator Glee Smith to discuss S.B. 1, who stated that a temporary commission was set up during the Budget Session last year to implement the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963; that this proposal would create a permanent Commission to receive funds allocated for use in higher education, both public and private schools. He states that this would ease any question of legality and get it out from under the Governor's office. These funds are to be used for building purposes at the schools aforementioned.

Mr. Marlin C. Schrader, Administrative Officer, distributed material explaining what has been done and what is to be done; that there is some urgency about this bill because the deadline for filing applications is March 15th, and the bill should be passed and signed by the Governor before then to permit application to be made. The Chairman stated that consideration would be given to this proposal on Friday.

Mr. Roy McCue was introduced to discuss H.B. 547. He in turn introduced Mr. Fawl, Mr. Sloop, Mr. Hulsley, Mr. Bartley, Mr. Curry and Mr. Knight. Mr. Knight explained what the barbers are seeking--specifically, they seek to increase educational requirements for those entering barber schools, and increase the number of hours of training from 1000 to 1500. He cited neighboring states as generally having the higher hourly requirement; Nebraska, 1800 hours; Iowa, 1500 hours; Missouri and Colorado, 1248. He states that if a Kansas barber wishes to practice in adjoining states, he must have additional training as the Kansas requirements are not accepted.

Mr. Griffith asked if this would affect the barbers graduating from the Prison Barber Schools and Mr. Knight stated that nothing would be changed in that regard; that the Board of Parole will still recommend if the man meets the moral and character standards to be recognized as a barber. Mr. Unruh inquired how much additional the 1500 hours (instead of 1000) hours would cost the student, and how the additional hours would be devoted to training. Mr. Knight was unable to predict the cost, but stated that there would be additional time devoted to practical experience as well as more time to theory and classroom work. Mr. Bob Brown inquired if the licensed barber who utilizes the apprentice barber

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would be the one to say if he got his license, and Mr. Knight stated that he would be an apprentice for 18 months, at the end of which time he would take another examination and that the licensed barber has nothing to say about it. Mr. Unruh asked what percentage fails, and Mr. Knight advised him that about 15 to 20%. Mr. Unruh inquired the cause of failure, and Mr. Knight replied "different things".

The Chairman stated that on Friday these two bills would be discussed and considered.

Meeting was adjourned.