

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 9, 1965

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and Senator Barr was introduced to discuss SB 206. The Senator stated that this bill would affect only those cities having a combined water works and sewage system. After questions by the Committee, it was established that Garden City is immediately and directly affected, and hoped the legislation would pass so they could get to work on their new improved system.

Mr. Loux appeared to discuss H.B. 738. He discussed the proposal section by section, stating that it is strictly a local bill; that the City of Wichita proposes to annex Eastboro, an area of approximately six square blocks, of approximately 350 families. He states that these people have all the advantages of Wichita, but do not do their share. After questions, it was established that Eastboro has its own government and contracts with the City and the County for its utilities and fire protection. Mr. Marshall inquired about the contracts for utilities, and it was established that Eastboro in fact pays a premium for at least its water. Mr. Coldsnow appeared in opposition to this proposal, stating that Eastboro had in fact built its own sewer and water lines to hook into the city lines, and then pays a contract price for the service, and that they maintain their own lines. He states that they did their own paving and maintenance and in truth had asked annexation several years ago and were refused; now that they have paid for their own sewer and water lines, etc. and have an adequate fire service contracted from the County, they do not wish to be taken into the City. He states that he has had considerable correspondence opposing this legislation and none in favor.

The Chairman stated the next order of business as HCR 519 and Mr. VanCleave stated that this proposed to force the legislature to get busy and start work on apportionment instead of waiting until next year and having a special session; that quite a bit of money could be saved and since the Courts would retain jurisdiction and take under advisement any act passed, it would reduce the danger that representatives might have to run at large in 1966. The Chairman asked if the necessary information was available at this time to start apportionment work, and Mr. Turner stated that the next day after the decision he had tried to get him necessary county information and it simply wasn't available and wouldn't be until after this session is ended.

Mr. Turner discussed HCR 514, advising that the resolution proposed to strike Article 3 of Section 7 of the Kansas Constitution whereby the Clerk of the District Court is required to be an elected officer. He states that the duties are ministerial rather than discretionary and that in their county they have had so much difficulty with their Clerk that this should be an office directly responsible to the District Judge who understands the legal aspects of filing of papers, etc. Mr. Rogers stated that their was a Judiciary resolution to amend and asked if that particular amendment wouldn't handle this matter. Mr. Mikesic stated that if there is so much trouble with one of these officials they could surely be removed for improperly performing their duties.

Mr. Mikesic then discussed HCR 516, stating that this was a resolution requested by the Eagles two years ago; that it passed out but was mangled in the Senate; that it proposes to end discrimination in employment because of age.

Mr. Fribley moved the favorable recommendation of HCR 516; Motion was seconded by Mr. Ford and carried with a majority vote.

It was moved by Mr. Jelinek that S.B. 206 be recommended favorable for passage. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fribley and carried unanimously.

Mr. Doyen moved that HB 738 be reported adversely. Upon second by Miss Jacquart and discussion by Mr. Mikesic, a secret ballot was requested. Motion carried by a vote of 12 yes to 6 no.

Mr. Buchele moved the favorable passage of HB 859. Motion was seconded by Harlow Brown. After considerable discussion Mr. Buchele requested to withdraw his motion so that the matter could be studied further.

Mr. Fribley moved that HB 829 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried with a vote of 12 yes 2 no.

Mr. Fribley moved that HCR 519 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Doyen and carried 12 yes to 3 no.

Mr. Doyen moved that HCR 510 be reported adversely. Upon seconded by Mr. Fribley, the motion carried 13 yes to 3 no.

Mr. Turner moved the favorable recommendation of HCR 514. Motion was seconded by Mr. Unruh and lost 6 yes to 7 no. Thereupon Mr. Fribley moved that HCR 514 be reported adversely. Upon second by Mr. Ford the motion prevailed with 11 yes and 3 no.

Meeting was adjourned.