

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 18, 1965

The meeting was called to order and the Chairman introduced the Rev. Hollomon to speak in opposition to HCR 515. He stated that he realized that this resolution was only a matter of submitting the proposition to the people. He stated that they have no objection to racing--that indeed it might be nice clean fun; but that they object to the gambling in connection with it. *

Dr. Tonsing of the First Lutheran Church read from a publication of the Chicago Crime Commission, which article indicated that the hoods and gangsters have moved into the industry notwithstanding the precautions that have been taken.

Dr. Witton of the Crestview Methodist Church stated that often it would appear that the church does not speak as one voice, and explained the representation arrangement and that although the ratio is pretty large, nevertheless the individual is represented. He presented a document drawn up by the Social Concerns Committee, expressing opposition to gambling.

Rep. John Bower remarked that there was a great deal of discussion about the revenue that such an industry would bring to the state, but that he feels it is of doubtful magnitude; that if the state must go into the gambling business to balance to budget that things are in a sorry state.

Rev. Durr of the Covenant Church read a resolution adopted by the National Association of the Evangelical Church meeting in Hillsboro last week, that expressed opposition to this resolution and gambling in general.

Mr. Hollomon then coordinated the remarks and gave some examples tending to indicate that gambling and alcohol were not necessary to attract tourists and the tourist trade.

The Chairman stated that he had a bill for introduction, recommended by the Legislative Council, dealing with land developments in certain locations. Mr. Doyen explained that it dealt with county water sheds. It was agreed to have it introduced and re-referred. It was agreed to introduce the bill to replace the Restaurant Board bill; that all the people are agreed; and that it should be re-referred.

Mr. Unruh discussed amendments to the proposed HB 775, stipulating a time element on unpaid accounts before filing suit. After considerable discussion by the lawyers in the Committee, it was agreed to do some more work on the bill before action.

* exhibits in folder

The Chairman asked action on HCR 525. Mr. Griffith moved that it be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Miss Jacquart and carried unanimously.

Mr. Fribley moved that HCR 522 be reported adversely, and was seconded by Mr. Brown, of Pott. Mr. Doyen pointed out the real value that this could be and Mr. Griffith stated that the resolution read better than it was presented. Mr. Fribley withdrew his motion and then moved that it be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ford and carried with a vote of 10 to 2.

The Chairman asked for discussion on H.B. 750, restating the amendments previously discussed. Mr. Marshall moved that it be recommended to the Committee of the Whole, as amended. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously.

Mr. Harlow Brown discussed his HB 789 (the non partisan ballot recommendation) stating that he had checked with the Secretary of State, and that he has no objection to it. He then moved the Committee recommended the bill favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Griffith and carried with a vote of 9 yes and the rest abstaining.

With regard to HB 746, hours for state employees in certain categories, Mr. Doyen moved that it be recommended adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ford and carried 9 to 4.

Mr. Fribley moved that HB 994 be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ford and carried unanimously

Mr. Doyen asked that the Committee study 920, because it should be taken up next week.

Meeting was adjourned.