

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 5, 1965

8:00 PM

The meeting was called to order and the Chairman asked for discussion or action on SB 49. Mr. Rogers moved that same be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buchele and carried 5 yes to 3 no. (NOTE: Mr. Doyen and Mr. Unruh arrived late because they were attending another meeting, and asked to be placed of record as opposing this bill.)

The Chairman called for discussion on SB 280. Numerous amendments were suggested. Rep. Sargent brought in an amendment which would provide that the liquor for the liquor pool would be bought at retail instead of wholesale. Mr. Brown of Pottawatomie suggested an amendment that would exempt the veterans' clubs. There were many other suggestions that were not written up in proper form to be submitted, and after they were suggested, there were other suggestions about the wording. Thereupon the Chairman stated that discussion would be suspended until the members could present their amendments in proper form. The Committee continued to discuss the bill and the Chairman pointed out that the ABC drew the bill in the first place and that they felt that it was a workable plan. Mr. Rogers stated that the Veterans amendment was agreeable to them and moved the adoption. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brown but after discussion lost 4 yes to 6 no. Mr. Turner proposed an amendment in Section 15, line 18, stating that it was patterned after the Retail Liquor Act. Mr. Griffith stated that this is a penalty regarding minors. Mr. Turner moved the adoption, which motion was seconded by Mr. Marshall and carried 12 yes to 0 no. On lines 16-17 of Page 8, Mr. Rogers moved to strike "3" and insert "2". Motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and passed 11 yes and no objection. The Chairman stated that he didn't know how this discussion could continue with any hope of adopting any kind of a bill and stipulated that no further amendments would be considered unless they were in proper form.

Senate Bill 169 came up for discussion and Mr. Fribley moved that the bill be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Miss Jacquart and carried 10 yes and no objection.

The Chairman stated that SCR 20 was the next order of business, and proposed a study of the Social Welfare department. Mr. Marshall moved its adoption and Mr. Turner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Miss Jacquart was asked to discuss HCR 530, dealing with legislative sessions, and stated that this would provide for a 60 day session every year, beginning after the Governor has been sworn in and has had an opportunity to get settled in his new office. She moved the favorably recommendation which was seconded by Mr. Griffith. Motion lost 3 yes to 8 no.

Mr. Bunten discussed HCR 529, stating that it deals with the question of unicameral legislature. He pointed out that according to Court ruling it appears that the legislature is going to have to be based on population so why not have only one house as Nebraska does and save all the money used to pay for employees and other expenses. He moved the adoption. Mr. Unruh stated that Nebraska had been highly unsuccessful and several other members reiterated this feeling. The motion died for the lack of a second.

With regard to SCR 30 dealing with the right to vote, members expressed the opinion that the federal government had already adequately taken care of this, and Mr. Buchele moved to table. Motion was seconded by Mr. Unruh and carried without dissent--10 yes.

The Chairman stated that tomorrow, April 6th, although the meeting might have to be wedged in, that we would take care of SB 254 and 218. Mr. Doyen stated that at the proper time he had an amendment on 236.

Meeting was adjourned.