

M I N U T E S  
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
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The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, who stated that discussion would be had on most of the items in committee but that no action would be taken until a later date.

The Chairman stated that HCR 502 proposes to put our state income tax in line with the federal income tax. Miss Jacquart inquired if the Assessment and Taxation Committee had taken action and was advised that it had. Mr. Turner pointed out that it would leave the power in the legislature at all times, giving a more flexible approach. Mr. Marshall stated that it was impossible for the legislature to keep up on all of the new changes and regulations and feels that this would be a good thing.

HCR 503 came up for discussion, and the Chairman stated that Mr. VanCleave would be heard on February 1st.

Regarding HCR 504, the Chairman stated that HCR 510 was perhaps a companion and both would be discussed on February 1st, at the same time; that if there was no objection that 510 would be taken up first because if it is passed there will be no need for 504, as 510 is of broader aspect. Mr. Harlow Brown advised that there is something very similar in the Senate and wondered if there could be some combination of effort.

The Chairman called on Mr. Turner to discuss HCR 505, and Mr. Turner advised that he would like to have some people appear tomorrow. The Chairman stated that he hated to get into public hearings during a budget session because of the time element; that Mr. VanCleave had asked to have some people appear on 503 and had been advised that they wouldn't be heard. Miss Jacquart inquired how many groups this would open the door to, and the Chairman stated that he had only two requests, but undoubtedly others would want to appear. Mr. Turner stated that he would yield to the judgment of the Chairman and the Chairman called for a vote. The Committee voted 10 to 5, to hold public hearings. Mr. Jelinek inquired if we have the right to deny hearings to anyone, and The Chairman stated that he knew of no regulation that would prevent denial, but that during the budget session time was at a premium and that this might result in night meetings, etc. Mr. Marshall suggested that pro and con could be heard the same day in order to save time.

Mr. Turner was asked to discuss HCR 506, and he stated that it proposed to do something about the secretarial and clerical help and improve the space situation; that it had been suggested that the study include the Senate also. Miss Jacquart stated that she had visited with members of the Michigan legislature and they have one Secretary for each four men; that they thought Kansas was really backward in this respect. Mr. Fibley said their chambers were nothing compared with ours, and that it didn't look as if their method was so effective judging from their clutter. Mr. Bob Brown

stated that he had advocated for years that more secretarial help be provided; that it would be good to use the same girl regularly.

The Chairman asked Mr. Griffith to discuss HCR 509, and Mr. Griffith stated that this is really an educational matter and he wished the matter had been referred to the Education Committee; that this provides for a change in the educational system--financing, Board of Regents, and making various provisions. After discussion, it was suggested that this be held up until the Senate version came in.

Mr. Woodworth was asked if he wished to discuss 510 and 511; and he stated that they go along together and that it would be just as well to wait until the companion 504 is discussed.

Mr. Turner discussed 513, and pointed out that it proposes to deal with the election of county officers; that it permits flexibility to handle the special situations in special or individual counties. Mr. Mikesic inquired if it would make county officers appointive, and Mr. Turner replied that it could be optional.

Meeting was adjourned.