

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The meeting was called to order and Mr. Schartz was introduced to discuss HCR 520, who stated that every year a lot of legislative council studies are made and a lot of money spent, but that the legislators, particularly new ones, don't know anything about them. This proposes to require a tabulation of studies, their cost and resultant action. Mr. Griffith stated that at first he thought it was a joke, but that it would really be beneficial if the Research Department would make up a concise report that was indexed. The Chairman remarked that this is all recorded and available, but Mr. Buchele pointed out that it would be very helpful to have it indexed and condensed into something not so voluminous. Mr. Marshall expressed the thought it should be amended to read "report of studies". Mr. Unruh suggested that if some member of the Council suggested it be done, that it probably would be taken care of. Mr. Griffith said that he had considered this but felt it would be presumptuous of him to do so. Mr. Taylor said that the point is that it would be immediately available to a new man. Mr. Doyen stated that about 70% of the studies result in legislation.

Mr. Clark appeared before the Committee to discuss HB 530, dealing with legislative pay, stating that he proposes not to run again so nobody can say he is trying to give himself a raise. He says that being a member of the legislature is a money losing proposition and that many capable people don't run because they can't afford it; that the caliber of legislator would be enhanced if they could be assured that they would at least break even. He further states that Kansas ranks 37th in legislative pay.

Mr. Fribley stated that Senator Sebelius was unable to be present and asked him to discuss Senate Bills 20 and 21, dealing with sale of land at various institutions. He pointed out the excess acreage in several of these places, stating that the land is now leased for farming purposes, not always taken good care of and the return on the investment is not very large. He explained that the land is not on the tax rolls; that in some cases the rental basis is fair and others not. Mr. Turner commented that it might be the old story of selling it and then having to buy it back when expansion is needed later, but Mr. Fribley stated that the long range planning was taking enlargement into consideration. He stated that originally the land was used for farming, gardening and dairy purposes but that these things are no longer used for therapy. He further stated that there is protection written in to keep undesirable uses of the land from injuring the institutions. The Chairman stated that these bills would be handled at the pleasure of Mr. Fribley, but suggested that the week-end be allowed for additional study of the bills and have the vote on Monday. Mr. Jelinek stated that he thought everyone already had the picture and Mr. Doyen moved to report SB 20 adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Griffith and carried 13 yes to 2 no. Thereupon Mr. Doyen moved to report SB 21 adversely, which motion was seconded by Mr. Griffith and carried 13 to 3.

HCR 520 then came up for consideration and Mr. Griffith moved to amend in the title to read "report of the studies which have been completed" and in lines 3-4-5 to make it read the same way. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buchele and carried unanimously. Mr. Buchele then moved that the resolution be adopted as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griffith and carried 14 to 1.

Mr. Bunten then moved that h.b. 530 be reported adversely and Mr. Doyen provided the second. The motion carried 8 to 6.

Meeting was adjourned.