

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
January 25, 1967

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman with all members present except Mr. McCray, who was excused. Discussion was called for on H.B. 1006. Mr. Buchele stated that he believed the controversy has been ironed out at least temporarily, and moved that the bill be amended to provide for publication in the state paper, and that same be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ford.

Mr. Boyer stated that he didn't understand what had been done that was different. Mr. Turner explained that he and Mr. Buchele had visited with the Revisor of Statutes and consulted with the local urban renewal people; that although he personally is worried about what could happen in other areas, he was in the position of realizing that without the urban renewal program in this case, that the state would have to spend over 42 million dollars above what the state would have to spend without the urban renewal program. He stated that later on he himself might consider amending the bill, after the capitol area has gotten what it needs. Mr. Buchele stated that next year a section could be added designating the "catastrophe" period as prior to January 1, 1967. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

Representative Rogers discussed H.B. 1021, a proposal to make it possible for retired persons to attend the state colleges and universities without the payment of tuition. He explained that Kentucky had done this and that it was a great boon to the retired population; that Kansas ranks fifth in the nation in people over 65; that these people are increasingly healthy and could be kept that way by adding stimulating activities for them. There was considerable discussion concerning this proposal. Mr. Doyen stated that this should encompass the handicapped who are in less of a position to finance their training than the majority of retired people. Mr. Woodworth was concerned with the student health service possibilities, the activity fees, etc. Mr. Bunten pointed out the advisability of including extension courses, especially where there is no state facility in the community. Mr. Rogers emphasized that the Board of Regents would have full power to set up the rules for such a venture.

The Chairman suggested that members study the proposal and be prepared to discuss it at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned.

MARGARET GENTRY, Secretary