

## STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 31, 1967

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, who announced that on Monday, February 6th in Room 529, a hearing would be had for the proponents of H.B. 1055; on February 7th, same time and place a hearing for opponents to the bill; and on February 17th at 8:30 A.M. the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee have invited us to meet with them jointly to hear discussion on the Fair Housing Bill; that they will have among others, an expert from Colorado.

Mr. Mosher of the Kansas League of Municipalities was introduced to discuss a proposal which he hopes might result in a Committee bill to be presented to the legislature. Mr. Mosher stated that it is proposed to attempt to standardize rural water districts, both in the interest of sanitary water supplies, and in the interest of cities that may ultimately annex the areas that are setting up rural water districts; that if some standards are not established, many problems are posed later on when it is necessary to connect these areas to some kind of sanitary disposal system.

Mr. Paul Newcomer of the Kansas Engineers' Society testified that Engineers also are concerned about this; that there are some aspects of the proposals made by Mr. Mosher that the Engineers feel are too stringent, but he felt that these things could be negotiated. He stated that they were so concerned about controls at the national level that his organization had prepared a "white" paper and submitted to the appropriate people; that perhaps federal legislation is needed but that certainly this could be implemented at the state level. Mr. Newcomer stated that there are now 98 such water districts in operation, 24 under construction and 25 in the planning stage, and that it is growing so rapidly that something should be done soon to standardize construction.

There was considerable discussion and questions voiced by members of the Committee, and the Chairman appointed a sub-committee to study this proposal and to report back: Mr. Unruh, Chairman, Mr. Woodward and Mr. Buchele. Mr. Fribley asked to visit with the sub-committee concerning this matter.

Representative Doyen discussed a proposal which would abolish dual duties of the Capitol Area Planning Council and the Executive Council, and place certain decisions in the hands of the Planning Council. Also, a proposal dealing with the assignment of office space in the capitol building; that the State Architect is in charge of care and maintenance of the building and certain decisions should be left to him without clearance through the Executive Council; that the responsibility should be in one place.

The Chairman stated that these proposals had been presented by Mr. Spears and Mr. Ossman, but that since they were on the Planning Council they thought it not appropriate to appear before the committee.

The Chairman announced that on February 1st, the Committee would be considering H.B. 1080 and 1083, and that the sponsors had been invited to explain the bills.

It was announced that the State Affairs Committee had been invited to a dinner for the evening of February 21st, 6:30 P.M., Senate Room of the Jayhawk; and wives and invited.

It was further announced that the dinner scheduled for February 6th, does not include wives.

All members were present except Mr. Boyer, who was excused.

MARGARET GENTRY, Secretary

## HOUSE BILL No. 1180

By Committee on State Affairs

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AN ACT relating to the assignment of office space in the state capitol building by the state architect; amending K. S. A. 1965 Supp., 75-3772 and repealing the existing section.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

1 SECTION 1. K. S. A. 1965 Supp., 75-3772 is hereby amended to  
2 read as follows: 75-3772. Before decreasing, ~~increasing or reas-~~  
3 ~~signing~~ office space now occupied by an elected state officer in the  
4 state capitol building, the state architect shall procure the approval  
5 of the executive council.

6 SEC. 2. K. S. A. 1965 Supp., 75-3772 is hereby repealed.

7 SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
8 its publication in the official state paper.