

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 1, 1967

The meeting was called to order, and because it was the Chairman's birthday, as well as that of the Revisor of Statutes, there was a brief delay in business.

Mr. Ossman was introduced to discuss H.B. 1083, which he explained established the Capitol zoning area; that it was not for the acquisition of property, but rather to freeze the zoning to prevent speculation since the state hoped to purchase this area.

Mr. Ratner was then introduced to discuss H.B. 1080, dealing with the humane treatment of animals. He explained that this bill grew out of complaints of persons who had had bad experiences in kennels and animal shelters. There was considerable discussion regarding medical experiments, abandonment, hunting, decoration of Easter animals, etc. Mr. Rogers read a letter from a Judge in his area dealing with a situation where farm animals were not properly fed and watered. Some concern was expressed about the responsibility for enforcement. Mr. Ratner stated that there were so many interested people that he would like to have a public hearing if the Chairman saw fit. He was advised that a public hearing would be held on February 8th at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Turner were appointed to confer with Mr. Ratner about the enforcement clause and other questions that had been raised.

H.B. 1083 came on for discussion and Mr. Brown moved that it be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bunten and carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that on February 2nd, the sponsors of H.B. 1092 and HCR 1010 would be heard. Mr. Rogers suggested that with regard to 1092, Mr. Corkhill should probably be present to answer any questions since he is Executive Secretary of the Public Employees Retirement System. Mr. Rogers was requested to invite Mr. Corkhill.

Mr. Jelinek moved for adjournment, and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Margaret Gentry, Secretary