

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 20, 1967

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, with all members present. Mr. Winters presented H.B. 1329, explaining that many tobacco products were on sale on the campuses of the colleges and universities but cigarettes were not permitted. He stated that this has reduced the revenue available for student unions and student activities, libraries, etc., and that the students had asked that this legislation be introduced. (See Exhibits in file--petitions, letters, etc.) He stated that the students are aware of the health hazards of cigarette smoking and if they choose to do so anyway, they should be able to buy them at the Unions instead of going to the local cafes and taverns for them; that the students tell him they do not believe vending machines would encourage non-smokers to initiate the habit; that at least some fraternities have vending machines.

Rep. Brier introduced Bob Miner who stated that the students at his school have taken an active interest in this legislation; that many of the students do not smoke but nearly everyone is interested nevertheless. Mr. Jim Garringer, Pres. of the Kansas State Student Body stated that the students at his school were quite surprised when the cigarette ban went into effect in 1963 and that they had petitioned the Board of Regents on two occasions to reconsider; that Ft. Hays had done the same.

Mr. Miner stated that Emporia State was not represented because of the heavy pre-Easter schedule; Ft. Hays and Pittsburg because of the distance, but that all schools had submitted petitions and letters stating their support of this legislation.

Jim Prager, Chairman of the Student Body at KU appeared in support of the proposal, stating that in two days they have secured over 1200 signatures in support of the bill. Mr. Miner displayed several petitions by Collegiate Young Republicans, in support of the bill.

Mr. Ford inquired since he had heard no mention of college Democrats, if this is a partisan bill. Mr. Miner stated assuredly that it is not a partisan bill. Mr. Fribley inquired if any thought had been given to asking enrolling students to sign an oath that they were aware of the health hazards of smoking. Mr. Winters stated they had not but that he agreed it would be a good idea. Mr. Doyen suggested that the proceeds could be given to KU Medical Center for cancer research.

Mr. Coldsnow appeared to discuss H.B. 1417, and stated that this bill deals with Notaries Public; that presently they operate only on a local scale, although recently legislation had been passed so they could work in adjoining counties; that this

bill proposes to keep the local Notary but to allow, by additional bond, a state-wide appointment; that this would be helpful in certain fields such as oil and gas, various utility companies, etc. so that they wouldn't have to hunt a local Notary but could use their own; that the bond would be set higher, but that otherwise the mechanics would be handled the same way.

The Chairman asked members to refer to their lists of bills previously handed out, and asked that action be taken on them. He stated that Mr. Pinet had told him he would just as soon have HB 1360 killed. Thereupon Mr. Fribley moved that HB 1360 be recommended adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and carried unanimously.

Mr. Fribley moved and Mr. Doyen seconded the motion that HB 1080 be recommended adversely. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fribley moved that HB 1102 be recommended adversely. Upon second by Mr. Kessinger, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fribley moved that HB 1399 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bunten, and carried unanimously but Mr. McCray abstained.

Mr. Bunten moved that H.B. 1158 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Doyen and carried 11 to 5.

Mr. Doyen moved that HB 1188 be reported adversely. Upon motion being seconded by Mr. Buchele, the vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. Turner stated that with regard to H.B. 1290 he had done a great deal of research; that there is a question about its constitutionality; that he worries because it doesn't include local units of government; that he believes it is not explicit enough; that he believes it is a good, honest effort, but thinks Mr. Euler's bill gets to the heart of the problem and would urge favorable consideration for that bill and let the authors rework this one. Mr. Buchele stated that he didn't know if the Attorney General had written a decision, but that he helped in the drafting and that he felt that the Attorney General believed it was alright. Mr. McCray moved that the bill be held until an opinion could be secured from the Attorney General. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buchele but lost 6 to 11. Thereupon, Mr. Doyen moved that HB 1290 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kessinger and carried 11 to 6.

Mr. Doyen moved that HB 1291 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fribley. Mr. Turner stated that it is his belief that there are present statutes adequate in this regard. Motion carried 11 to 7.

Mr. Doyen stated that Mr. Loux had indicated that he would just as soon have HB 1378 reported adversely, and moved that this be done. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGill and carried without dissent.

With regard to H.B. 1453, Mr. Rogers reported as Chairman of the sub-committee considering this proposal. He stated that it was so technical and so complicated that it was their belief it should have a study by the Legislative Council (see report) and that this is the recommendation of the committee. He then moved that H.B. 1453 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGill. Mr. Boyer stated that he would certainly want the resolution for the study to be based on the bill. Mr. Taylor stated that Mr. Doyen was on the Council and he was so directed. Motion carried 11 to 6. Thereupon, Mr. Rogers presented his Resolution asking for the study and asked that it be recommended to the Committee of the Whole. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buchele and carried unanimously.

HCR 1032 was stated as the next order of business and Mr. Buchele stated that this was introduced after the cut-off date for individual bills and he believed its introduction was against the Rules of the House. Mr. Taylor advised that this is a Resolution, not a Bill. Mr. Turner stated that it is alright now that we have an annual session. Mr. Bunten stated that it should be reported adversely. Mr. Fribley pointed out that this is some different than the one previously killed, and the Chairman stated that the principle is the same. Mr. Bunten moved that the resolution be reported adversely, which was seconded by Mr. Buchele and lost 5 to 9. Mr. Ford then moved that HCR 1032 be reported favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Unruh and carried 9 to 5, with Mr. Bunten stating that this is ill advised expense.

Mr. Turner presented amendments to H.B. 1363, Mr. Euler's conflict of interest bill--stating that these had been drawn by the Revisor to clarify the proposal. Mr. Turner moved the adoption of the amendments. Mr. Doyen seconded the motion which carried without dissent. Thereupon, Mr. Doyen moved that HB 1363, as amended, be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and carried with a vote of 12 yes and none opposed.

Mr. Doyen moved that H.B. 1405 be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Unruh. Mr. Bunten stated that this proposal is not very realistic; that it would penalize boys and girls all over the state just to take care of a local situation. Mr. Jelinek inquired if 18 year olds are not able to buy beer on military posts and Mr. Bunten stated that is correct. Mr. Boyer stated that if they are old enough to be drafted at 18 they should be old enough to buy beer. Thereupon, Mr. Jelinek requested a secret ballot. The vote was 13 to report adversely to 6 to report favorably.

Mr. Fribley moved that HB 1417 be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers. Mr. Doyen stated that there is one problem about overlapping responsibilities in the Governor's office and the office of the Secretary of State, but that this is in the process of being resolved. Thereupon, the Committee voted unanimously to pass the bill favorably.

With regard to H.B. 1329, a secret ballot was requested, and the vote was 12 favorable, 7 adversely. The bill was passed out favorably.

The Chairman stated there would be no meeting on the 21st because of an afternoon session.

Meeting was adjourned.

MARGARET GENTRY, Secretary

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Your sub-committee comprised of Representatives Rogers, Brown and Boyer, has had under consideration H.B. 1453, and because of the complicated nature and the many technicalities embodied in the proposal, we should like to recommend that the Legislative Council make a thorough study of this bill.



Richard D. Rogers, Chairman