

M I N U T E S

Special Committee on Legislative Services

February 9, 1967

Senators Arthur, Bennett, and Warren, and Representatives Van Cleave, Hill, Doyen, and Turner were present.

The Committee briefly reviewed tables showing the numbers of committees used in the legislatures of the other states and a table showing a list of the more common substantive committees in selected states was viewed.

In considering the possibility of arriving at a recommendation concerning the committee structure in Kansas, it was noted that a number of policy questions needed to be considered by the Committee.

With the reapportioned House and the annual sessions, the Committee concluded that now is an appropriate time to consider a number of these questions and some of the problems associated with committee structure and research services to the legislature. Some examples of the several considerations are:

1. What changes are needed in the composition or structure of the Legislative Council?
2. Should certain standing committees meet periodically during the interim period?
3. What will be the effect of carryover legislation on the workload of the Council or on the legislature?
4. Is there now a satisfactory liaison between the Legislative Council and the legislature?
5. Should all members of Ways and Means Committees of the legislature attend pre-legislative budget hearings?
6. What is the best way to retain control over expenses for staff services and legislators services, if any changes should be recommended?

Discussion of the various points of view among legislators on these matters occurred. The Committee agreed to contact the Senate and House leadership for the purpose of discussing these items with them at the next meeting of the committee.

The Research Department was directed to assemble additional material on the length of sessions in other states, the size of various legislatures and certain data concerning the past efforts of the Kansas Legislative Council.

The meeting was adjourned.