

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
January 16, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman who introduced Mr. Teter to discuss H.B. 1233. Mr. Teter read the bill in its entirety, and then explained that electrical wiring must be done properly or it is a fire hazard; that this bill proposes to set up a licensing and inspection commission for the profession and that an examination would be given before a person is licensed; that there would be an administrator and a yearly licensing fee of \$50.00, with an examining fee as well. Mr. Woodworth inquired if it really would be possible to get a good, qualified administrator for \$7500 per year, and Mr. Teter replied that he didn't know. Mr. Boyer inquired who would enforce the act, and Mr. Teter replied that the local inspector would be responsible. It was then established that counties do not now have inspectors, but expressed the opinion that the cities would cooperate on this since their inspectors are usually not very busy. The chairman stated that the rural cooperatives have inspectors and they won't attach a structure unless it meets specifications. Mr. McCray inquired about the fiscal note and Mr. Teter stated he couldn't estimate the budget but that it would be self-supporting.

Mr. Linde appeared to explain H.B. 1309 and stated that the Kansas Engineering Society was interested in this bill as well as 1374; He explained that land surveying is a branch of civil engineering but one should not necessarily be one to be a land surveyor because it is not so complex. However, he stated that one should be competent to do this kind of work for the benefit of landowners, city platting, etc. and that is why he proposes licensing. Mr. Paul Newcomer of the KES stated that land surveying possibly should have some control; that they had looked at both bills and preferred 1309, but would like to see it amended (see attached). He stated that if the committee feels some control is needed, then 1309 as amended would be preferable to them.

Rep. Turner discussed HB 1374, which he sponsored, and stated that he is not at all sure that any legislation is necessary but if the committee thinks so, he believes 1374 is preferable; that the difference is in Section 3 which prescribes who can be a land surveyor. He states that the people he represents believe that surveying should be done under the supervision of a civil engineer; that this bill is more strict. Mr. Doyen inquired if this kind of law would make any change in the rate of title insurance and Mr. Turner didn't think so. He then stated that he really questioned that this needs to be regulated any further. The Chairman requested that the members study the two proposals and be prepared to take some kind of action.

Mr. Rogers expressed the opinion that KES represented the vast majority of engineers and that he believed the group which had been in contact with Jack were a very small minority.

Mr. Bunten presented his H.B. 1681, a bill to regulate TV service and repairs. He related a personal experience in expensive and ineffective service, and read some material from Consumer Report concerning fraud in service. (see attached) He explained that it is possible that this is not the way to go about controlling them but that the public should be protected in some way. He explained that several states have such legislation and that he took his bill primarily from the Connecticut law. The bill would set up an examining board and they would have to be licensed. He stated that he is often opposed to boards but that in this case it is for the good of the public who is quite ignorant of these technical things. Mr. Kessinger stated that he believed it should be broadened to include radios and stereos. Mr. Woodworth stated that his city had passed an ordinance which is effective.

The meeting was adjourned.