

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
January 31, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and Mr. Ossmann was introduced to discuss H.B. 1775. He explained that a year ago this bill was tried but it was vetoed by the Governor after the session had closed; that they have now explained what the bill does so that there is no longer any objection. It would increase the fee from \$10.00 to a possible \$25.00 per year for all practicing architects; that now the Board is running in the red and that is the reason for the change. He stated that this is agreeable with Mr. Bibb and with the Governor's office.

The Chairman stated the next order of business as opponents to H.B. 1723. Mr. Garver of Mid-America, Inc., discussed his firm's opposition to the bill; the the law as it is presently written is a valuable tool for Kansas, for it has brought a great deal of industry into Kansas, but that such a change as proposed would jeopardize development and growth in southeast Kansas, and all over Kansas for that matter. He stated that it would cost over \$65,000 additional to administer; that subsection g of the new Section 7 is unduly restrictive in limiting the purchase of revenue bonds. He stated that the past experience has been good and it would cause a great deal of damage to change it; that the time factor is so very important and with the proposed change some industries would go elsewhere instead of waiting around to see if the bonds were approved.

Mr. Rogers inquired if this bill is passed, if it would confuse the pattern established over the past several years, and Mr. Garver replied that certain counsel has become expert in this field and it would require re-education. Mr. Fisher testified that he and his people are in support of the bill as it presently exists and they hope no changes will be made. Mr. Bounous of Wichita, on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce stated that his group went on record as opposing H.B. 1723 and is firmly behind the law as now written. Mr. Reed with First Securities Company of Wichita, stated that there are now some 9 to 10 thousand jobs in Kansas directly attributable to the industrial revenue bond law; that the statute is workable and a great help to large and small municipalities. He mentioned Lear Jet Corp. in Wichita, with a payroll of 1200 to 1500 people; that without this law these jobs wouldn't have been available and that this story is repeated all over Kansas; that he knows of no failures and cannot see what one should interfere with a working and beneficial thing. Mr. Doyen inquired how many industries have come from outside the state, and while Mr. Reed could not supply the statistics, he stated it was substantial; that he had heard of some firms moving from one city to another within the state, but that he knew of no incident and that his firm has not handled any such change.

Mr. Walter Cole of Beecroft-Cole in Topeka, stated that he and his firm oppose this bill; that it looks like a poverty program in the section stating that if financing isn't available elsewhere, bonds may be issued; that his firm wouldn't want to handle that kind of an arrangement.

Mr. Sauerwein, stated that he is opposed to this bill; that he believes the law as it presently stands is a good one.

Representative Cheney appeared, stating that he represented Mr. Vern Nichol, Mayor of Hesston, Kansas; that they have two industries in that area which they would not have had without industrial revenue bonds; that there are jobs that keep the economy going and growing and that without it their City would not continue to grow.

Mr. Kilker of the State Chamber of Commerce gave some statistics concerning the use of revenue bonds, stating that 63 cities in Kansas have made use of this law; that since 1961 there have been 112 bond issues totaling \$1,802,050.00 with the sizes varying as follows: 34 over 5,000 in population; 2 - 5,000 to 10,000; 13 - 10,000 to 15,000; 5 - 15,000 to 20,000; 2 - 20,000 to 25,000; 2 - 25,000 - 30,000; and only five in cities of over 30,000.

The Chairman stated that he had previously notified the Bankers Association that they would hear any comments they might have concerning HB 1636, but Mr. Stone explained that he had made his statement and wouldn't take the time of the Committee. He explained that the Committee had adopted some amendments as presented by Mr. Doyen recently, and that action would be taken on the bill at an early date.

The meeting was adjourned.

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NAME & ADDRESS	Do You Wish To Speak
Meryl N. Schwarz R-3 Marysville Kansas	yes
Robert Wullschleger Home "	no
Rudolph A. Vopata Marysville Kansas	YES
Keith Kintner Frankfort KS	no
Joe Lotterman Marysville Kansas	-
W.B. Kirkpatrick Topeka, Kansas	yes
Maurice Martin 2836 James Topeka	yes
Viola Meyer, 1401 Amhurst Rd, Topeka	Yes
George B. Muegenius ARI St Marys	NO
Lowell K. Honey	yes
Dwight Vogler Barnes, Ks.	NO
Donald L. Jesse Topeka, Kans	yes
Vernon E. Dow	yes
Joanne Dow	yes
Bob Scrinopskie Topeka, Ks	YES
Albert M. Lawen Merriam, Ks.	-
C.J. Woodside Overland Park, Kan.	Ⓜ MAYBE
David Chamberlain Merriam, Kan.	yes.
Ed Cunningham Wamego	yes
Paul Buchanan Wichita	yes

1 Some have come in since meeting started