

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 7, 1968

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Hill appeared to discuss H.B. 1881. He explained that this proposal would result in a more efficient organization of the Legislature and enable them to get to work earlier. He proposed to have an organizational meeting in December and then when convening in January, could get right to work. Mr. VanCleave, one of the sponsors stated that he endorsed Mr. Hill's statements.

Mr. McGill presented a sub-committee report on H.B. 1137, stating that all members--McGill, Ford, Jelinek and Rogers--agree that with some small amendments, it will be easier to work with 1137. Amendments would permit them to work with the Governmental Research Center pertaining to the University of Kansas, and would locate the academy at the old Hutchinson Naval Air Station. This would place the administration of the mandatory training under the Governmental Research Program and there is already a grant of money available to help with the financing; that there have already been made available three professors. He stated that this is a minimal training situation at this time and that some of the large cities will have already required more training, and that they will not be required to participate in this but will have proper credit for what has been given. Mr. Shrewder supported Mr. McGills's statements, and Representative Smith also. He stated that it is estimated that this will be of minimal cost to the state; that the facilities are ideal and will require only small alterations. He emphasized the need is urgent and asked for favorable consideration.

Mr. Kessinger inquired about the make-up of the Board (the Attorney General) and Mr. Smith stated that it should be the KBI or designee, and the Attorney General was the designee. Mr. Fribley inquired if the Highway Patrol would be trained there and Mr. McGill explained that the Patrol requires more training than this and that the academy would simply certify equal programs, including for some of the larger communities. He explained that this requires only 120 hours while the Patrol and some of the cities require much more. It was pointed out that later on if desired, the cities could contract for that much if they wished to do so.

Mr. Rogers moved the amendments be adopted and the motion was seconded by Mr. McGill. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yes and no opposition.

The Chairman stated that he had held up the Committee Report on HCR 1056 because some members had come to him stating that they had been confused by the motion, and had voted the wrong way. He explained that the motion was that HCR be not adopted. Upon vote, the motion lost 6 yes to 8 no. Thereupon, Mr. Rogers moved that it be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and carried 9 to 3.

The Chairman explained that people from the Civil Rights Commission had come to him asking that a bill be introduced which proposed to amend the act against discrimination; that if the Committee desired, it could be introduced and re-referred for study. Mr. Doyen moved that the proposal be introduced and re-referred. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ford and carried unanimously.

Mr. Rogers moved that H.B. 1704 be reported adversely, which motion was seconded by Mr. Doyen and carried without dissent.

A ballot was called for on H.B. 1722 and upon tally, the bill was reported adversely 12 no and 4 yes.

The Chairman called for action on H.B. 1758 and Mr. Doyen inquired if action needed to be taken at this time. Mr. Buchele stated he was having an amendment prepared...the matter was passed over.

Mr. Buchele moved that H.B. 1781 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. McCray and carried 12 yes to 5 no.

Mr. McCray moved that H.B. 1883 be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGill. After considerable discussion Mr. McCray asked to withdraw the motion, and the matter was passed over.

Mr. Turner moved that HB 1729 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jelinek and carried 15 yes and no opposition.

Mr. Turner moved that HB 1741 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Andrews and carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that when the anti-discrimination bill had been referred back, he would set a hearing for this matter and the Fair Housing bill; and that he would arrange for the large hearing room.

The meeting was adjourned .