

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
February 21, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and Mr. Foster was introduced to discuss H.B. 1716. He explained that this proposal pertained only to Sedgwick County; that it proposes to combine various county offices under the County Treasurer; that it would eliminate duplication and make for more efficiency. He stated that just a very rough estimate on the part of Research indicated a saving of 60% of the present operating expenses; that now with audits and other built-in precautions there is little chance of difficulties in the office.

Mr. Mikesic was introduced to discuss HB 2013. He in turn introduced Mr. Thursby (see exhibits) to discuss the proposal. He explained that at the KU Medical Center, employment was a problem because many of the employees were in the low pay bracket and to wait a full 30 days for their paycheck was a hardship. The bill proposes to permit bi-monthly pay periods, which will be helpful to the employees there. Mr. Jim Yount, Vice-President of AFL-CIO reiterated this, and urged passage of the bill. The probable cost was discussed and Mr. Yount stated that Mr. Bibb and Mr. Scanlon told him it would cost an extra 60¢ per employee per year.

Rep. Doyen introduced Mr. Henry Knofl to discuss HB 2056, who stated that this bill would cost nothing extra; that it would allow public auctions to be held for the disposition of state property; that it was felt that more money would be realized this way than by sealed bids.

Mr. Doyen discussed HB 1706, affecting cemetery corporations. He presented extensive amendments, explaining that he had gotten together with sponsors of the other cemetery bills, and all are in agreement with the bill as amended. He moved the adoption of the amendments and upon second by Mr. Rogers, was carried unanimously. Thereupon, Mr. Doyen moved that the bill as amended, be recommended for passage. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews moved that HB 1316 be killed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously. Thereupon, Mr. Rogers moved that SB 232 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fribley and carried unanimously.

Mr. Rogers moved that HB 1856 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jelinek and carried unanimously. The Chairman displayed an opinion by the attorney general that HB 1996 was unconstitutional. Mr. Rogers moved that it be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Andrews and carried unanimously. Mr. Doyen moved that HB 2056 be reported favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fribley and carried unanimously. Mr. Bunten moved that HB 1905 be reported favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Andrews and carried 9 yes to 4 no. Mr. Rogers moved that HB 2013 be amended to make the bill permissive. Motion was seconded by Mr. Andrews and carried unanimously. Mr. Andrews then moved that the bill as amended be recommended for passage. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.