

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
February 22, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, who stated that HB 2063 was the first order of business. Mr. Frank Hafer, former Chairman of the Board, was spokesman. He explained this proposes to change the structure of the Board, giving full representation to the people--restaurants, motels, hotels and apartment houses. Mr. Kirk Hammer, Director of Food Service and Lodging Board stated that he was in favor of full representation, but was not in complete agreement as to how the board would be made up. He urged that the appointments be staggered so as to keep continuity on the Board. He pointed out that there are approximately 400 hotels in the state, about 800 motels and about 6,000 apartment houses. There was considerable discussion concerning the appointments and whether this should be spelled out in the bill. Everyone seemed to be in agreement, and the Chairman stated that if left to the Committee, they would have these things clarified. Those appearing agreed that this would be satisfactory.

Rep. Howatt appeared before the committee, stating that he had been requested to introduce a bill concerning the recall of public officers; that the request was made after the cut off date for individual bills and that was why he appeared before the Committee. Later, Mr. Rogers expressed the opinion that it was rather late to introduce such a complicated bill, and it was moved by him that the bill not be introduced. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodworth and carried 8 yes and no opposition.

Mr. Turner explained HB 2035, a conflict of interest bill which he said is more palatable to him than the others floating around. He stated that any complaints would remain private in the preliminary period and would be more fair than the other proposals. Mr. Unruh moved that the bill be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fibley and carried 6 yes to 2 no. Mr. Bunten moved that HB 1761 be reported adversely. Upon second by Mr. Unruh the motion carried 8 yes to 4 no. Mr. Rogers moved that HB 1796 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGill and carried 9 yes to 3 no. Mr. Buchele stated that he felt it might be a good thing if new candidates were required to file an interest statement, because the incumbent is already of record. The Chairman stated that it is pretty late in the session to consider introducing such a bill; that it probably needs additional study.

Meeting was adjourned.