

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
February 23, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and Mr. Turner discussed H.B. 1309. He stated that he had gotten together with Mr. Linde, the sponsor of another surveying bill, and with Mr. Paul Newcomer of the Engineering Society, and had come up with some amendments that make 1309 agreeable to everyone. He explained the proposed amendments and then moved their adoption. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGill and carried unanimously. Thereupon, Mr. Turner moved that 1309, as amended, be reported favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGill and carried unanimously.

The Chairman stated that a secret ballot had been called for on H.B. 1912. He stated that a vote would be taken, and if there was favorable recommendation, proposed amendments would then be taken up; that this was in the interest of saving time. Upon vote, the bill was killed 10 to 9.

Mr. Turner presented amendments on H.B. 2052, the bill proposing to amend the present Act against discrimination. He stated that it was proposed to strike the word "services" in the bill because it was everyone's feeling that this is futile in light of the feeling of the Senate. Mr. McCray protested that this is extremely important and goes along with public accommodations, etc. There was considerable discussion and Mr. Doyen explained that they had tried all kinds of words in conference committee last session, to get this in, and that the Senate wouldn't buy it. Mr. McCray moved that "services" be left in the bill. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buchele and carried with a vote of 15 yes and no opposition. Discussion continued concerning certain amendments which the sub-committee felt might be desirable; particularly concerning the apparent lack of balance in any individual departments of minorities vs. whites, and Mr. Turner stated that he believed the lack of minorities would not necessarily indicate discrimination; that the labor market often has a lot to do with it. He recommended that trial de novo be restored. There was further discussion concerning imbalance, and it was the concensus of opinion that with the good Commission that we have, negotiations are effective and that they have done a good job. Mr. Turner stated that religious discrimination has dissipated itself and that if we try to legislate balance in any particular category we would possibly get ourselves in the position of saying there must be so many people of various religious faiths in individual departments, if we are going to regulate the racial balance. Mr. McCray stated that he felt this was one of the better parts of the bill and moved that it be left in the bill and deleted from the amendments. Motion was seconded by Mr. Andrews and carried 9 to 6.

Mr. Turner then moved the adoption of the remaining amendments, which motion was seconded by Mr. Jelinek and carried unanimously. Mr. Turner then moved that HB 2052, as amended, be reported favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Andrews and carried without dissent.

The Chairman called attention to the fact that HB 2009 amends the same section of the law; that it deals with discrimination because of sex, and wondered if the Committee would want to amend this in. Mr. McCray moved that it be amended in and the Chairman explained that it is lengthy and complicated and might not get done this session; and Mr. McCray withdrew his motion when a second was not forthcoming. Mr. Bunten moved that HB 2009 be killed. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGill and passed 7 to 6. It was then moved by Mr. Turner that HB 2052, as amended, be reported favorably. Upon second by Mr. Buchele, motion carried 15 yes and no opposition.

Mr. Buchele moved that HB 1716 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Andrews and at this point a secret ballot was called for. The vote was 10 in favor of the bill and 8 against, so the bill was recommended for passage.

Meeting was adjourned.