

M I N U T E S

Joint Committee on Legislative Facilities

December 3, 1968

Chairman Hill presided. Other members present were Representatives Doyen and Turner and Senator Bennett.

The following legislators-elect also attended the meeting: Representatives Bell, Loux, Strowig and Taylor and Senators Herd, Hodge and Smith.

Staff members present were Bob Alderson, Revisor of Statutes' Office; and Ben Barrett from the Research Department.

The Committee reviewed with the newly nominated leaders of the Kansas House and Senate its tentative recommendations to the 1969 Legislature. Major items covered were:

1. reproduction and distribution of conference committee reports,
2. procedures for handling bills and resolutions and for preparation of the enrolled bills and session laws,
3. removing the positions and salaries of legislative employees from the statute and providing for them by House and Senate resolutions,
4. creation of a permanent standing committee on Legislative Services and Facilities,
5. prefiling of bills and resolutions,
6. reduction of the number of standing committees of the House and Senate,
7. proposed scheduling of the legislative workload,
8. supplementation of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
9. continuation of the bill locator and subject index service,

10. suggested restrictions concerning the selection and service of the pages,
11. roll call equipment for the House of Representatives.

Legislators in attendance voiced general support of the Committee's recommendations. Concerning distribution of conference committee reports and the legislative workload schedule, the opinion was expressed by some that these recommendations should be implemented by some means other than the formal rules.

During the afternoon, the Committee reviewed three bill drafts prepared by Fred Carman:

- (a) prefiling of bills and resolutions,
- (b) procedures for handling bills and resolutions through the legislative process including preparation of enrolled bills and session laws, and
- (c) establishment of a Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities.

Concerning the prefiling bill draft, a change should be made to provide that first reading of prefiled bills and resolutions occur the first day of the legislative session. The proposed bill provided that upon motion of any member of the Senate, in the case of Senate bills, or motion by a House member, in the case of House bills, and upon adoption of such motion, the prefiled bills would be deemed properly introduced and placed on first reading. The change would insure that all prefiled bills would be introduced and placed on first reading.

The draft relating to the processing of bills, resolutions and other papers of the legislature, and the preparation of enrolled bills and session laws, was not changed materially by the Committee. The proposed bill makes it clear that publication of the session laws constitutes compliance with the legal requirement of publication in the statute books.

→ The bill to establish a permanent Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities provided that clerical persons employed by the secretary, with the approval of the Joint Committee, would be in the classified civil service. The Committee amended the section to provide that such clerks and secretarial assistants would be in the unclassified service. Also, the draft provided that funds for purchasing legislative supplies and equipment would come from a specific appropriation directly to the Joint Committee. The draft was changed so that the Committee's financing would be from the annual general fund appropriation for legislative expenses. A third change made

by the Committee related to Section 6 which excluded certain committees, commissions or councils from the general provision that the secretary of the Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities would prepare expense and allowance vouchers for members of the legislature serving thereon. Included among the exclusions were the Ways and Means Committees of the House and Senate and the Joint Committee on Claims and Accounts. The Committee requested Carman to prepare a memorandum explaining why these committees should be excluded from provisions of the bill.

The staff was directed to prepare these bills for introduction in the 1969 Session.

The staff also was asked to prepare a sample resolution for the House and Senate which would include listing employee positions based on the positions that have been authorized by the legislature in past years.

★ Concerning telephone services for the legislature, the Committee directed the staff to discuss the matter with Senator Smith and Representative Strowig.

The staff will prepare a revised draft of the Committee's report to the 1969 Legislature. It will be mailed to members of the Committee.

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for January 14, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 505 of the State House.

The meeting was adjourned.