

Name of Committee: STATE AND LOCAL AFFAIRS

Date and Place of Meeting: February 17, 1972, Room 522-S

All members present except: Senators Ball and Saar

Bills Considered: S.B. 691, 692, 694, 695.

Conferees: Opponents, Mr. Don McNeal, Council Grove, Kansas Press Assoc., Mr. Richard Clasen, Yates Center, K.S.P.A. Mr. Richard Ramsey, Hoisington, Hoisington Dispatch. Proponents, Mr. A. Calvin Johnson, Pratt, Pratt County Clerk, Mr. W. A. Jorns, Pratt County Commissioner, Preston, Kansas. Mr. John Decker, Attorney at Law, Wichita,

Except as otherwise noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim and this record has not been approved by the committee or by the individuals making such remarks

Chairman Norman E. Gaar called the meeting to order.

Hearing on S.B. 691 and 692. Mr. Don McNeal testified before the committee and presented printed testimony. Senator Booth asked if a condensed list could be published in place of the itemized list, and this would not be legal in Mr. McNeal's opinion. This reporting serves a need that could not be filled otherwise according to Mr. McNeal. Mr. Richard Clasen of Yates Center states this itemized list brings out things the people would not realize in any other way. He pointed out in one survey taken that 50% of the men and 35% of the women read this itemized list with interest in the paper. He strongly opposes 691 and 692, believes the people have a right and need to know what government is doing. Mr. Ramsey spoke in opposition to S.B. 691 and 692 as a private citizen. Mr. W. A. Jorns, Pratt County Commissioner, spoke as a proponent for the bills. Pratt County published the condensed form of such a list and the Pratt County Taxpayers Association is behind the efforts to continue publishing the condensed version, thereby saving some five hundred dollars per year. Mr. Calvin Johnson, Pratt County Clerk stated the Pratt County Attorney General had given a ruling on this statute to the effect that a list could be condensed. Senator Thomas requested copies of the Pratt County Attorney General's opinion on this matter. Mr. John Decker, Attorney at Law, Wichita, discussed S.B. 694 and 695 with the committee.

S.B. 691, 692, 694, 695, and 711 will be taken up Friday, February 18, 1972.

The committee will meet Friday morning, February 18, 1972 at 9:00.

Jean Campbell  
Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved:

Norman E. Gaar

CHAIRMAN

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