

Name of Committee: STATE AND LOCAL

Date and place of Meeting: March 1, 1972, Room 522-S

All members present except: Senators Ball and Saar

Bills Considered: H.B. 2117, 1985, 2137, 2138, 1805  
1659, 1646.

Conferees: Mr. Jack Quinlan, Attorney at Law, Representing the National School Supply Equipment Assn., Mr. Dick Brewster, legislative agent for the Kansas Motor Car Dealers Assn., Mr. William DeVore, President of the Advanced Products Co, Wichita, Mr. Paul Weber, School Specialty Supply, Mr. Ernie Mosher, Rep. Harry Sprague, Mr. Dale Sprague, Legislative Counsel for Kansas Water Conditioners Assn.

Chairman Norman E. Gaar called the meeting to order.

Hearing on H.B. 1985. Mr. Jack Quinlan representing the National School Supply Equipment Association testified before the committee as an opponent of H.B. 1985 and Mr. Quinlan said in effect he feels this would create a false economy and political pressures would be brought to bear upon local government officials, and regarding the provision in the bill that requires people to pay costs back to the director of department, questions this and said without knowing what the costs would be. Feels the legislative body should give more consideration to this. Mr. Dick Brewster, Legislative Agent for the Kansas Motor Car Dealers Association presented printed testimony and said in effect, he doubted the savings would be substantial. Mr. William DeVore, President of the Advanced Products Co. in Wichita questioned the "selected commodities" and said there was no restriction on this in the bill. Feels this would be a highly disastrous bill. Mr. Paul Weber of the School Specialty Supply, Inc. presented printed testimony to the committee and was very opposed to the bill. Mr. Ernie Mosher, Secretary of the League of Municipalities feels this bill will permit more efficiency in local government, and cited the case of state tires being purchased for  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cost of dealing with a local store. Further it is a matter of policy, local government should be allowed to use their own good judgement. Mr. Quinlan said if this bill is so good why isn't it mandatory?

Hearing on H.B. 2117. Representative Harry Sprague appeared as a proponent of this bill and stated there is a definite need for this bill. Mr. Sprague presented printed testimony to the committee. Discussion was held on the possibility of certification refusal. Mr. Sprague asked that the water conditioner industry be recognized as a separate industry and not part of the plumbing, heating, or cooling industry, saying these people have been at the mercy of the Plumbing Board. Mr. Dale Sprague, legislative counsel for Kansas Water Conditioners Association presented printed testimony and appeared as a proponent of the bill. Mr. E. F. Cockerham of Culligan