

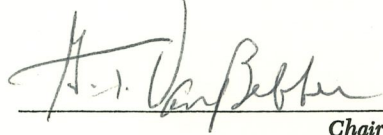
MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

Held in Room 510, at the Statehouse at 2:45 ~~am~~/p. m., on February 6, 1975.

All members were present except: Mr. Sellers and Mr. Ward, who were excused.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2:45 ~~am~~/p. m., on February 10, 1975.

These minutes of the meeting held on February 3 and 4, 1975 were considered, corrected and approved.



Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Rep. Joseph Mikesic
Kenneth Rissler, U. S. Brewers Association
Patrick Hubbell, Wholesale Beer Distributors of Kansas
Rev. Dale Emery

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman who advised the Committee that the agenda for next week would be on their desk Friday morning. Further, he stated that Rep. Loux had requested that discussion on H.B. 2170 (Governmental Ethics) be postponed. Rep. Marshall requested that discussion and action on HCR 2011 be postponed because he understood there were other proposals that might take care of his concern.

Rep. Mikesic discussed H.B. 2134, explaining that this bill provides for the sale of 3.2 beer on Sunday between the hours of noon and midnight, with no consumption on the premises of sale. He stated that Kansas is losing a great deal of revenue to border states that do sell beer on Sunday, and further, he feels that since private clubs can sell strong beer on Sunday, the retailers of 3.2. beer should not be penalized.

Mr. Kenneth Rissler and Mr. Patrick Hubbell stated they concur with the presentation.

Rev. Dale Emery, representing Kansans for Life at its Best, offered testimony in opposition to the bill. (See attached statement)

Minutes for February 3 and 4 were discussed and Representatives R. Miller and Marshall requested that their questions of Mr. Berger on February 3rd be included in the minutes. It was then moved by Mr. Morris and seconded by R. Miller that the minutes as corrected, be approved. Motion carried. Mr. Hayes requested that on page four of the minutes of February 4th, his motion concerning retirement homes be amended at the end to include "or such other language as Mr. Ensley deems statutorily correct. It was then moved by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Cooper that the minutes as corrected, be approved. Motion carried.

The Chairman displayed a proposed bill submitted by the Revisor, which is deemed to be clean-up, concerning the Governmental Ethics Committee. It was moved by Mr. Ungerer and seconded by Mr. Feleciano that the bill be introduced and referred back. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

"I became an alcoholic on beer." - The Alcoholic American, Blue Shield.

During the 1971 session of the Kansas Legislature, permission for Sunday beer sales was included in HB 1055. That provision was amended out and the bill passed the House. A Senate Committee amended it back in, and the bill was killed on the floor of the Senate on April 7, 1971.

During the 1972 session another attempt for Sunday beer sales was made with HB 1744. Promoters put out information to legislators stating, "Sunday sales of 3.2 beer would increase the excise tax paid Kansas by an estimated \$370,000.00 per year." That would have required an additional consumption of 47,435 gallons per week, and all on Sunday. On February 15, 1972, the House rejected the measure better than 2 to 1. Debate indicated the last thing needed on Kansas highways was an additional 47,000 gallons of beer in our drivers coming home from the lakes on Sunday evening.

It would seem more than enough beer is now consumed. Why increase it?

According to ALCOHOL & HEALTH, a report from HEW, beer consumed in Kansas averages 4½% absolute alcohol by volume. This means a can of beer, a glass of wine, or a shot of whiskey each contain about the same amount of absolute alcohol. All things considered, three beers makes a driver just as deadly as three shots of Old Taylor.

When going down the highway on a beautiful Sunday afternoon and the sign says COLD BEER TO GO, drivers concerned for safety hope they can continue to thankfully say BUT NOT ON SUNDAY.

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KANSANS FOR LIFE AT ITS BEST! Reverend Richard E. Taylor, Jr.

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