

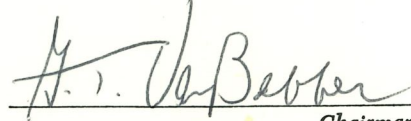
MINUTES OF THE _____ HOUSE _____ COMMITTEE ON _____ FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS _____

Held in Room 510, at the Statehouse at 2:45 ~~a.m.~~/p. m., on February 10, 1975.

All members were present ~~except~~ except Mr. Rodrock, who was excused.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2:45 ~~a.m.~~/p. m., on February 12, 1975.

These minutes of the meeting held on Feb. 5 and 6, 1975 were considered, ~~corrected~~ and approved.



Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman who explained that the first bill under consideration, S.B. 67, would be discussed by Mr. Russ Mills of the Research Department. Mr. Mills stated that the bill was introduced by the Legislative Budget Committee at the request of the Post Audit Committee. The law presently requires the abstractor's board of examiners to hold two examinations each year at specified times, and the proposed change would allow that examinations could be held at times and places to be fixed by the Board. Mr. Mills explained that this passed through the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee and the Senate; that no hearings were held and was apparently not controversial in any way.

It was moved by D. Miller and seconded by Mr. Ward that SB 67 be recommended favorably. Motion carried without dissent.

The Chairman reminded members that individuals had been heard previously on H.B. 2101; that an amendment had been offered by Mrs. Matlack inserting a new sub-section (d) which would give the person conducting a meeting some control over what kinds of equipment might be used to record proceedings. Mr. Morris had offered a substitute motion to accept Mrs. Matlack's proposal with the alteration of striking the words "any reasonable" from the fourth line of the amendment. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Matlack and this was where discussion was terminated on January 30th.

Mr. J. Slattery stated that he was afraid this amendment might cause unreasonable rules; that he would prefer the original language. Mr. Sellers stated that what is really the issue is making sure that there is proper notice of meetings and that they are open; that permitting disruptive recorders, bright lights and other equipment would make it difficult to conduct a meeting and he felt those in charge should be able to make a ruling about such equipment.

Upon vote, the substitute motion carried by a majority vote.

Mr. D. Miller inquired if Mr. Rodrock's proposed amendment had been submitted and the Chairman stated he had not received it. It was then moved by Mr. Miller on page 1, line 16, that the words "political caucuses" be inserted after the word "councils". Motion was seconded

by J. Slattery. Mr. Slattery stated that he feels meetings held on government property should be open; that he is opposed to closed political caucuses in such buildings. Mr. Sellers inquired if this would also mean the the Governor could not hold any private conferences with elected officials or leadership in this building.

Upon vote, the motion lost by a majority. It was then moved by D. Miller and seconded by Mr. Ungerer that H.B. 2101 as amended, be recommended for passage. Motion carried without dissent.

It was moved by Mr. Ungerer that HCR 2009 be passed out of committee without recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson. Mr. R. Miller offered a substitute motion to report unfavorably, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gastl, but the Chairman ruled that the motion being a direct opposite was out of order.

Mr. Marshall inquired about the Attorney General's ruling, and inquired if sending this to the floor might be a waste of time. The Chairman stated that he would assume the House could take whatever action it deemed appropriate, and could determine what the effect of the Attorney General's opinions might be, or if they are valid; that although the opinions were issued they do not have the effect of law. Upon vote, the motion lost by a majority.

It was then moved by D. Miller and seconded by J. Slattery that HCR 2009 be reported adversely. Motion carried by a majority, with Representatives Ungerer, Ward and Lindahl requesting to be recorded as voting against the motion. Mr. Feleciano stated that because of the volume of mail he had received he also wished to be recorded as voting no. Mr. T. Slattery stated that he was in favor of passing it out for floor consideration and therefore, voted against the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Mikesic that H.B. 2134 be recommended for passage. Motion carried by a majority vote with Mr. Anderson abstaining because of a possible conflict of interest.

The Chairman asked Mr. Hayes and Mr. J. Slattery to look at H.B. 2169, and report to the committee on the bill prior to the hearing on Wednesday.

It was moved by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Anderson that minutes for the February 5th meeting be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Feleciano and seconded by Mr. Anderson that minutes of February 6th be approved. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.