

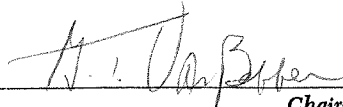
MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Federal and State Affairs

Held in Room 510, at the Statehouse at 2:45 a.m./p.m., on March 17, 1975.

All members were present ~~except~~

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2:30 a.m./p.m., on March 18, 1975.

These minutes of the meeting held on _____, 19____ were considered, corrected and approved.



Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Mr. Fred Carmen, Revisor of Statutes
Mr. Arden Ensley, Assistant Revisor

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman who introduced the Revisor to explain HB 2605. He stated this is one of the matters which falls within the scope of the Revisor's duties, i.e. to call attention to things which need change or reorganization. He stated this bill deals primarily with the printing of the statute book but also remedies a problem with enrolled bills. He explained that when a volume is split they with edit them so that they will conform to the acceptable form insofar as gender is concerned. He also explained that they feel it is better to eliminate italics in some cases because it is difficult to compute and more expensive to print. Mr. Carmen stated the bill also sets up a schedule for dividing other volumes, and that the present index consists of a volume and large supplement; that the latter is a big job and last time it was contracted but that they feel they can do a better job, and that this provides for it to be done over a two year period. He stated that Mr. Weeks will continue to do editing as long as they can persuade him to do so.

Mr. Arden Ensley explained HB 2609, dealing with administrative Rules and Regulations. He stated that beginning about 1965, some legislators began to feel that agencies waited until they adjourned and then issued rules which failed to implement the intent of their legislation; which led to the requirement of legislative review. He explained that this bill proposes to transfer this function from the Revisor to the Department of Administration since it is truly an administrative matter and a matter for the executive arm. It further removes the Revisor from the Board which reviews the rules and regulations and adds two administrative employees. Although the Attorney General will remain on the Board, it gives the Chairmanship to the Secretary of Administration.

Mr. Feleciano asked who suggested this latter change, and Mr. Carmen stated he believed he did; that there was no request for this but that to him it just seemed logical, but that he had not consulted the Attorney General on this matter.

Mr. Ensley stated that the bill as drafted would allow the legislature to look at Rules and Regulations until sine die. Mr. Morris inquired what might happen cost-wise if this went to the Department of Administration and Mr. Carmen explained that \$28,160.00 is now budgeted for printing of emergency and permanent rules and regulations in 1976; that it might cost the department a little more but they are in a better position to control the cost, and also, to control the agencies. Mr. R. Miller inquired if this transfer would hinder the progress and Mr. Carmen stated that printing may be one of the divisions of the Department of Administration and the Secretary of Administration would probably be in a better position to turn out a better product. He also pointed out that the present board is not a legislative board, but an executive board; that the Revisor is a part of the legislative branch.

The Chairman called for discussion on HB 2336, and Mr. Sellers inquired if the architects have asked to be heard. The Chairman stated they have not. Mr. Ungerer stated if he understands this correctly, it would mean if he wanted to build a \$60,000 house he would have to hire an architect to design it. Mr. Morris stated that he thought it had something to do with a certain county attorney being concerned with it, and Mr. Buzzi explained that apparently there have been problems in some government programs.

The Chairman asked for discussion on HB 2402, and Mr. Anderson moved that HB 2402 be reported adversely. Motion was seconded by Mr. Marshall. Mr. D. Miller made a substitute motion that the bill be held for summer study, which motion was seconded by Mr. Mikesic. The motion lost, and vote was taken on the original motion. Motion carried by a majority vote.

The Chairman announced that the March 18th meeting would be held in room 519, and that the committee would be meeting with Assessment and Taxation at 2:30 to discuss HB 2604.

The meeting was adjourned.