

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 19, 19 75.

All members were present except: Mr. Lindahl and Mr. Mikesic who were excused.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2:45 ~~a.m.~~ p.m., on March 20, 19 75.

These minutes of the meeting held on March 17 and 18, 1975 were considered, ~~corrected~~ and approved.



Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Mr. William R. McCarter
Senator Storey
Mr. Kenneth Young
Rev. Richard Taylor

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman who displayed two bills which the committee is requested to introduce. One is Mr. Grabers proposal dealing with telephone companies which are subject to regulation by the Corporation Commission, and which are subject to certain standards in providing customer service. It was moved by Mr. Feleciano and seconded by Mr. Ungerer that the bill be introduced and referred back. Motion carried.

The second bill is one requested by Mr. Cooper and deals with an amendment in the Juvenile Code for youngsters 16 to 18 years of age who are not judged to be amenable to a treatment program. It was moved by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Ward that the bill be introduced and referred back to committee. Motion carried.

Mr. William R. McCarter appeared on SB 224, a police and firemen's retirement matter. He explained that he had requested Senator Pomeroy to introduce this proposal; that during a former session SB 196 was passed because there was a problem about former policemen and firemen having employment after retirement. He stated that the bill didn't entirely take care of the problem, and this is to remedy a pension situation in case of early retirement. He stated that Mr. Corkhill supports this bill and has notified the budget director that there is no cost factor. Mr. Reeves stated that he carried the last bill and that there was no fiscal note.

The Chairman announced that although SB 317 had been scheduled, Senator Pomeroy had indicated that some of the provisions are in another bill and he would like to hold it for the time being.

Senator Storey appeared to discuss SB 323. He explained that this deals with qualifications for liquor licenses; that it strikes reference to the age of the spouse, but does not loosen the requirements for licensing in any way. He stated that the ABC recommends the change.

Mr. R. Miller inquired if anyone under 21 could work in private clubs, and Senator Storey explained that they cannot manage a club or dispense alcoholic beverages, but can work in other capacities such as bookkeeper.

Mr. Kenneth Young, Adjutant for the American Legion, appeared in support of the bill, and mentioned a situation in Pittsburg, Kansas, where the Vice-Commander (who is licensed to run the club and have the liquor license) married a lady under 21, and this precludes his holding the post.

The Rev. Richard Taylor appeared in opposition of the bill, stating that he feels that changing the law to accommodate a special few individuals does not have merit.

The Chairman asked members to look at matters which had previously been discussed, and in particular HB 2605, dealing with the publication of the statutes. It was moved by Mr. R. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hayes that the bill be recommended favorably. After considerable discussion concerning the fiscal note and the schedule for publishing, the motion carried without dissent.

It was moved by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Feleciano that SB 224 be recommended for passage. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Ward that SB 323 be recommended favorably. Motion carried by a majority vote, with Mr. Morris and Mr. Anderson requesting to be recorded as in opposition.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Cooper that the minutes for March 17th be approved. Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Ward that minutes for March 18 be approved. Motion carried.

The Chairman announced that the committee has under consideration Mr. Anderson's HB 2502, and HB 2612, which have some similarities. He appointed Mr. Buzzi, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Sellers as a sub-committee to make a report next week.

The Chairman stated that hopefully next week the Civil Rights regulations could be considered by the Committee. He also expressed the hope that the two bills introduced at this time could be considered at an early time.

The meeting was adjourned.