

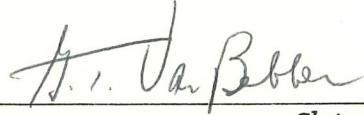
MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Federal and State Affairs

Held in Room 510-S, at the Statehouse at 8:00 a. m./p. m., on April 8, 1975.

All members were present except: Mr. Gastl, Mr. J. Slattery; and Mr. R. Miller who was excused

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 1:30 a. m./p. m., on April 9, 1975.

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



Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Rep. Crumbaker

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman who stated that Representative Crumbaker had a bill which he needed to have introduced in connection with vacancies on the State Board of Education.

Mr. Crumbaker explained that Mr. Tom Pittner has become the attorney for the Department of Education and now there is a vacancy; that to fill the vacancy it is necessary to call a meeting of all of the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen to elect a successor and that it takes one third to make a quorum; that in an area of 18 or 19 counties it is almost impossible to get this many people together. He stated that after one attempt they may then make another attempt in sixty days, and only then would this proposed bill be used to fill the vacancy by way of an appointment by the Governor. He further explained that the appointment would be only until the next general election, at which time the vacancy would be filled by vote.

It was moved by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Cooper that the bill be introduced and referred to the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried without dissent.

The Chairman asked members to refer to the Civil Rights Rules and Regulations which had been previously distributed, and in particular the hand out which had been prepared by Mr. Mills with commentary by Mr. Morris who was on the sub-committee. The Chairman stated that on page 5, 21-32-1, there is an item he finds shocking; that they go even further than legislating--they are also being the Supreme Court.

Mr. Morris explained that he had visited with staff in the Revisor's office and with staff from the KCCR office and that his comments and responses from KCCR are in the hand-out. (See Exhibit) He went through the proposals, item by item and explained his feelings as shown in the prepared material. In particular he stated he felt that 21-42-3 relative to Powers of Discovery and 21-42-4 concerning investigations without the filing of complaints is one of the several reasons for the big backlog. Mr. Morris stated he would just as soon see all of the proposed Rules and Regulations rejected and have the Commission operate under emergency rules and regulations until the legislature returns next year.

Mr. Morris stated he objects to the "friends and neighbors" section as well; that he believes it tends to discriminate against minorities rather than the way it is now.

It was moved by Mr. Morris to reject 21-32-1 and introduce an appropriate bill to the Committee of the Whole. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ward and after discussion, carried by a majority vote with Mr. Marshall abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned.