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LEGISLATIVE BINGO INVESTIGATION STUDY COMMITTEE

July 19 and 20, 1976

Members Present

Representative John Hayes, Chairman  
Senator Bob Storey, Vice-Chairman  
Representative Carlos Cooper  
Representative Ben Foster  
Representative Patrick Hurley  
Senator Dan Bromley  
Senator John Crofoot

Staff Present

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Sherman Parks, Jr., Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Bob Coldsnow, Legislative Counsel

Others Present

Charles T. Johnson, Jr., Cop and Con, Kansas City, Kansas  
Joseph T. Carey, Attorney, Kansas City, Kansas  
Joe Kostelac, Am Vets #34, Kansas City, Kansas  
Jerry T. Hodges, American Legion 399, Kansas City, Kansas  
Robert W. Hedrick, Attorney, Kansas City, Kansas  
James A. Gaines, VFW Post 6994, Kansas City, Kansas  
James C. Kimble, VFW Post 6994, Kansas City, Kansas  
Marietta S. Kimble, VFW Post 6994 Auxiliary, Kansas City, Kansas  
Johnnie M. Moseley, VFW Post 6994 Auxiliary, Kansas City, Kansas  
Carrol Bliss, VFW Post 869, Kansas City, Kansas  
Michael H. Ozbun, Overland Park, Kansas  
Dennis D. Denning, Kansas City, Kansas  
Joe Benskin, Kansas City, Kansas  
Jack Harmon, Am Vets #69, Mission, Kansas  
Gary Ayres, Mission, Kansas  
Steve Catron, Kansas City, Missouri  
Frank Gaynor, Knights of Columbus 3768, Kansas City, Kansas  
Ronald E. Bacon, Lancer Ltd., Inc., Leavenworth, Kansas  
Jim Marquez, Governor's Office, Topeka, Kansas  
Ben Neill, Kansas Department of Revenue, Topeka, Kansas  
F. Kent Kalb, Secretary of Revenue, Topeka, Kansas  
Vernon C. Coffey, American Legion Post #217, Kansas City, Kansas  
Marguerite Gaines, VFW Post 6994 Auxiliary, Kansas City, Kansas  
Otto M. Larsen, Kansas City, Kansas Sertoma Club, Kansas City, Kansas  
Clifford S. Brown, Greater Kansas City Multiple Sclerosis Society, Kansas City, Kansas  
W.K. Spry, Greater Kansas City Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mission, Kansas  
Charles Stanford, Greater Kansas City Multiple Sclerosis Society, Kansas City, Missouri  
John Miller, Great Council of Kansas Improved Order of Redmen  
John Ivan, Attorney for Great Council of Kansas Improved Order of Redmen and Improved Order of Redmen, Shawnee Tribe 3  
Charles Rickey, Kansas City, Kansas  
Ernest M. Panhada, Kansas City, Kansas  
Joyce Hodges, American Legion 399, Kansas City, Kansas  
Albert J. Smith, Am Vets #34  
James Mace, Am Vets #34, Lawrence, Kansas  
Mary Kostelac, Womens Auxiliary Am Vets #34, Kansas City, Kansas  
Arnold Jeanneret, Improved Order of Redmen, Shawnee Tribe 3, Kansas City, Kansas  
Edwin Kant, American Legion Post 399, Kansas City, Kansas  
Clark W. Draper, Jr., Am Vets Post #1, Olathe, Kansas  
L.D. Ratliff, Am Vets Post #1, Olathe, Kansas  
Nita Ratliff, Am Vets Auxiliary Post #1, Olathe, Kansas

Others Present (cont'd.)

C.W. Branner, Am Vets #34, Kansas City, Kansas  
Mrs. Eddie L. Johnson, VFW Post 6994 Auxiliary, Kansas City, Kansas  
Hurshal L. Ross, Jr., American Legion Post 399, Kansas City, Kansas  
Kenneth Newman, St. Peter's Church, Kansas City, Missouri  
Harley D. O'Leary, Am Vets #69, Kansas City, Kansas  
Charles W. Thurston, Maple Hill Optimist Club, Inc., Kansas City, Kansas  
Charles O. Coutts, Kansas City, Kansas Sertoma, Kansas City, Kansas  
Charles D. Baston, VFW Post 111, Kansas City, Kansas  
Richard G. Krupich, VFW Post 111, Kansas City, Kansas  
H. Hatfield, VFW 869, Kansas City, Kansas  
Orange Meeks, Argonne Post 217 of the American Legion, Kansas City, Kansas  
Banney M. Aldridge, VFW, Topeka, Kansas  
Evelyn Hinkle, VFW Auxiliary 111, Kansas City, Kansas  
Mr. Mahoney, Attorney, Kansas City, Kansas  
John H. DeLap, Wyandotte Optimist Club, Kansas City, Kansas  
Jesse Wallace, Accountant, Kansas City, Kansas  
Bernard Black, Lancer Ltd., Inc., Kansas City, Kansas

July 19, 1976

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Representative John Hayes, who noted that during the morning session, the staff would brief the Committee on the investigation which had been done since the previous meeting and would discuss the material which was distributed.

Senator Crofoot moved that the Committee go into executive session until 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Committee went into open session at 11:30. After discussion, Representative Ben Foster made the following motion which was seconded and passed.

"I move that the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to Joe Benskin, the Circle B. Market, 1717 Steele Road, Kansas City, Kansas, on July 14, 1976 by the Chairman of this Committee, Representative John F. Hayes, commanding said witness to appear before this Committee at 1:30 p.m., July 19, 1976, and to be served by the Sheriff of Wyandotte County, Kansas, be approved and affirmed and ratified in all respects."

The Committee recessed until 1:30 p.m.

The Chairman, Representative John Hayes, reconvened the Committee at 1:35 p.m. and read the charge to the Committee. He thanked the witnesses for coming voluntarily, noting that only one subpoena had been issued because the accuracy of the address was uncertain. He introduced the Committee and the staff.

The Chairman then called upon the conferees for statements and questioning by members of the Committee. A transcript of the meeting prepared by Robert E. Englander, shorthand reporter, is on file with the minutes of the meeting. The order in which conferees appear is noted below.

Howard L. Hatfield, Bingo Alley (Attachment A)  
Jerry T. Hodges, American Legion 399  
Joseph F. Kostelac, Am Vets #34, and his attorney, Mr. Joseph Carey  
Bernard Black (Mr. Black was not present when called. Senator Storey moved that a subpoena be issued to Mr. Black. Representative Hurley seconded the motion. Motion carried. When Mr. Black appeared on the following day, he noted that he had been out of town at the time he was scheduled to appear.)  
Jack L. Harmon, Am Vets #69, and his attorney, Robert Hedrick (Attachment B)  
Ronald E. Bacon, Lancer Ltd., Inc. and his attorney, Robert Hedrick (Attachment C)  
Charles T. Johnson, Jr., Cop and Con, and his attorney, Mr. Mahoney  
Joe Benskin and Dennis D. Denning (Attachment D)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

July 20, 1976

The meeting was called to order on July 20 by the Chairman, Representative John Hayes at 9:05 a.m.

Order of appearance of conferees:

John H. DeLap, President, Wyandotte County Optimist Club (Attachment E)  
Clifford S. Brown, Greater Kansas City Multiple Sclerosis Society (Attachment F)  
W. Kenneth Spry, Greater Kansas City Multiple Sclerosis Society (Attachment G)  
Charles W. Stanford, Greater Kansas City Multiple Sclerosis Society (Attachment H)  
John J. Miller, Secretary, Great Council of Kansas Improved Order of Redmen,  
and his attorney, John Ivan (Attachment I)  
James C. Kimble, Officer, VFW Post 6994  
Marietta Kimble, VFW Post 6994 Auxiliary  
James A. Gaines, Commander, VFW Post 6994  
Eddie L. Johnson, Secretary, VFW Post 6994  
Charles William Branner, Commander, Am Vets #34, and Mr. Carey, his attorney  
James L. Mace, Adjutant, Am Vets #34, and his attorney, Mr. Carey  
Albert J. Smith, Bingo Chairman, Am Vets #34, and his attorney, Mr. Carey  
Jessee Wallace, K & W Income Tax, Inc. (Attachment J)  
Mr. Mace and Mr. Smith (recalled by the Chairman)  
Mary Kostelac, Womens Auxiliary Am Vets #34, and her attorney, Mr. Carey  
Bernard J. Black, Lancer Ltd., and his attorney, Mr. Hedrick (Attachment K)  
Albert Smith (recalled by the Chairman)  
Kenneth E. Newman, Bingo Chairman, St. Peter's Baptist Church  
Harley D. O'Leary, former commander, Am Vets #69  
Nita Ratliff, past president, Am Vets #1 Auxiliary (Attachment L)  
Clark W. Draper, Am Vets #1 (Attachment M)  
L.D. Ratliff, former commander, Am Vets #1  
Charles W. Thurston, Secretary-Treasurer, Maple Hill Optimist Club (Attachment N)  
Otto M. Larsen, Kansas City Sertoma Club (Attachment O)  
Hurshal L. Ross, Jr., Adjutant, American Legion Post 399  
Charles O. Coutts, Secretary, Kansas City Sertoma Club, and his attorney,  
Mr. Mermigis  
Vernon V. Coffey, Sr., Chairman Legal Committee, Argonne Post 217 of the American  
Legion, representing the commander and adjutant (Attachment P)  
Orange Meeks, Finance Officer, Argonne Post 217 of the American Legion  
Richard Krupich, Commander, VFW Post 111  
Mrs. Richard Krupich, VFW Post 111 Auxiliary

Mrs. Krupich suggested that if the Committee is interested in helping small organizations make money, consideration should be given to allowing the Auxiliary to help the Post on the Post's license or on separate licenses with a 50-50 split. She noted the difficulty of getting volunteers in small organizations and stated this would help.

The next meeting of the Committee will be in Wichita. It will be a two-day meeting sometime after Labor Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Prepared by Emalene Correll

Approved by Committee on:

9/9/76  
Date

Note: The attachments noted in the minutes are on file in the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

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4 TRANSCRIPT

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7 AT

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9 OF THE

10 MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

11 AT

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13 IN

14 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

15 AT

16 1:30 O'CLOCK, P.M., MONDAY, JULY 19, 1976

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18 COMMITTEE:

19 REP. JOHN F. HAYES, CHAIRMAN  
20 SEN. BOB W. STOREY, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
21 SEN. DAN BROMLEY  
22 SEN. JOHN W. CROFOOT  
23 REP. CARLOS M. COOPER  
24 REP. BEN FOSTER  
25 REP. PATRICK J. HURLEY

COMMITTEE STAFF:

MR. ROBERT COLDSNOW,  
Legislative Counsel  
MS. EMALENE CORRELL,  
Legislative Research  
MR. SHERMAN PARKS, JR.  
Revision of Statutes  
Office

ROBERT E. ENGLANDER,  
Shorthand Reporter.

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