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Stephen R. Cloud 3-19-85
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Stephen R. Cloud at
Chairperson

9:10 a.m. ~~xxx~~ on Wednesday, March 6, 1985 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Fuller - Excused

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman - Revisor
Russ Mills - Legislative Research Dept.
Jackie Breymeyer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom McGinnis, retired citizen
W. Bartlett Finney, Minister, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Kansas
John Blythe, Kansas Farm Bureau
Mr. Berry, citizen
Marie Garrity, retired citizen
Ralph Magee, AFL-CIO

The meeting of the Governmental Organization Committee was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Representative Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman. Minutes of the March 4 meeting were approved. March 5 minutes were distributed. The Chairman stated that both HB 2110 and HB 2111 would be combined for testimony. Conferees could address either or both bills if they so wished.

Tom McGinnis, retired citizen, stated that we should thank God we live in a country like America. Many countries live under dictatorships. We should keep the elective process.

W. Bartlett Finney, Minister, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Kansas, asked the committee not to take this right away from the people. Elected officials have to show accountability to the people of Kansas.

John Blythe, Kansas Farm Bureau, reiterated Mr. Fleenor's Farm Bureau statement of a previous meeting. The Farm Bureau policy position supports the right of Kansans to vote for these offices.

Mr. Berry, a visitor to the committee, gave his support to the bills, adding that taxpayers have a right to elect their officials.

Marie Garrity, retired citizen, asked the committee not to take the right to elect officials away from the people.

Ralph Magee, ALF-CIO, said his organization supports the bill that will retain the treasurer's office as elective.

As there were no other conferees to address HB 2110 & HB 2111, the Chairman stated this ended the hearing on these bills.

The Chairman recognized the Subcommittee 1 Chairman, Representative Sprague. Representative Sprague moved that the provisions of HB 2108 be amended into HB 2109 and extended for 8 years. Representative Ramirez gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Roper moved that the provisions of HB 2111 be amended into HB 2110. Representative Graeber gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Sughrue made a conceptual motion to amend HB 2110 into HB 2109, with the proper statutory language to be inserted by the Revisor's office. Vice Chairperson Barr gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Sprague moved that HB 2109 be voted favorable for passage as amended. Representative Sutter gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION,
room 522-S, Statehouse, at 9:10 a.m. ~~xxx~~ on Wednesday, March 6, 1985

Representative Sughrue explained for the benefit of the visitors that what had just been accomplished was the continuation of both Insurance and Treasurer's offices as elective by combining them into the surviving bill, HB 2109.

The Chairman told the visitors a great deal of work had preceeded today's vote. Work on these bills has been going on for several weeks. The bill will now go before the House of Representatives for debate on Friday, with final action on Monday.

The Chairman asked the Committee to think about the news article that had been distributed March 5 on the Board of Healing Arts so that discussion can take place at Thursday's meeting.

the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

TESTIMONY OF RALPH McGEE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, KANSAS AFL-CIO
BEFORE THE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE, MARCH 6, 1985

MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE KANSAS AFL-CIO DESIRES TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GO ON RECORD URGING THIS COMMITTEE AND THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO CONTINUE THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE AS IT IS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED.

WE OF THE KANSAS AFL-CIO BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT TREASURER, JOAN FINNEY, HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB. SHE HAS BEEN A GOOD, EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIVE PUBLIC SERVANT. THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS HAVE CONTINUED TO RETURN HER TO OFFICE BY LARGE MAJORITY IS TESTIMONY TO THE CONFIDENCE THAT KANSANS HAVE PLACED IN HER.

THE OTHER REASON FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TREASURER IS THAT SHE HAS A GREAT DEGREE OF AUTONOMY AND MUST PERIODICALLY SUBJECT HERSELF TO THE JUDGMENT OF THE VOTERS OF KANSAS.

FOR THESE REASONS THE KANSAS AFL-CIO URGES THIS COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND THE CONTINUANCE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER AS AN ELECTIVE OFFICE AS PRESENTLY CALLED FOR BY KANSAS LAW.

THANK YOU.