MINUTES OF MEETING STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE March 16, 1961

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Slocombe appeared before the Committee to discuss S.B. 244. He states that this is a local bill to permit the township and a town within the township to go together in a fire department venture.

The Chairman stated that Committee action had killed H.B. 362 and 363, and introduced Mr. Casado to discuss a substitute bill to permit setting up water districts in the Wichita area. Mr. Sparks was permitted to speak in behalf of this proposal, and stated that a minimum of ten residents may make application to the city for service; the city can then investigate the feasibility and then a 51% residence petition may result in service being supplied; that the main purpose is to permit payment to be extended over a period of years rather than having to make a lump sum payment. After considerable discussion Mr. Casado and Mr. Sharp were advised that the committee would consider the matter and take action later.

Mr. Fribley discussed the Wichita University aid bill, and stated that there was some language still to be ironed out in the bill, but that it was desired that the Washburn and Wichita aid bills cover the same territory. Among other things it is deemed desirable to have a member of the State Board of Regents sit in with the University Boards of Regents in an ex-officio capacity. He stated that the Bill Drafting Department would have this ready in the morning. Considerable discussion ensued and it was agreed by the Committee that if there is to be no session tomorrow afternoon, the Chairman may introduce the Wichita University Aid bill as a committee bill; otherwise it will be discussed in committee tomorrow and introduced in the afternoon session. Mr. Fribley stated that at the same time he would propose the amendment to the Washburn bill to make them read the same insofar as certain matters were concerned.

Mr. Underwood discussed H.B. 276, the Cosmetology school bill, and proposed various amendments. He then moved, seconded by Mr. Crownover and unanimously carried, that the amendments be adopted. There was then considerable discussion as to the advisibility of increasing the school hours for cosmetologists. It was moved by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Musseman that this bill be tabled. Mr. Underwood made a substitute motion that the bill be passed out favorably, as amended. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fribley, but upon vote, lost by a vote of 12 to 4. The original motion was then voted, and by a vote of 13 to 2 the bill was tabled.

Mr. Underwood then brought up H.B. 150, and after discussion by Mr. Underwood and various members of the Committee, Mr. Behee moved, seconded by Mr. Peppercorn that H.B. 150 be reported adversely. Thereupon Mr. Underwood presented a substitute motion that same be tabled. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ford and the substitute motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Ford, that the substitute bill for H.B. 362, be recommended for passage. Motion carried by a majority vote. It was then moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Bisbee and unanimously passed, that S.B. 244 be recommended to the House for passage.