## STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE February 12, 1963

The meeting was called to order and Don Smith of Thomas was introduced to discuss the proposed H.B. 181. He stated that the people in the particular nine county area proposed to establish a two year "branch" college. That is, an extension school of Ft. Hays, KSU or KU. He states that the community proposes to levy a tax and build the building which is ajacent to other facilities that would be satisfactory for a gym, football field and armory for possible ROTC. He feels that in a few years they could expect an enrollment of about 400 students; that it would relieve the crowded conditions on the campus of the colleges and universities. He stated that he had talked with officials at both Hays and Manhattan and they are enthusiastic about the possibilities.

Members of the committee asked numerous questions and then Mr. Don Phillips of Colby spoke briefly in support of the measure and of Mr. Smiths presentation.

Mr. Myers and Mr. Baringer discussed their proposed H.B. 159, which would change the term of county commissioners from four to six years, and would also stagger terms which would leave an experienced pair of commissioners on the board at all times. The question was raised if this would conflict with Mr. Bob Brown's H.B. 9 and 10, and the members were to study this possibility.

Mr. Gardner discussed the Municipalities Committee Bill No. 168, and stated that it is introduced at the request of the Association of Boards of County Commissioners, and deals with office hours of county officers, and would give the commission the right to set hours for all offices. After discussion by the Committee, Mr. Gardner moved, seconded by Bob Brown that the bill be reported favorably. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Meeting was adjourned.

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