STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE February 14, 1963

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Kessinger appeared to clear up some points on H.B. 77. He stated that in checking with the Revisor of Statutes, that the bill is written to include city and county, singly or jointly and that this proposal with become a part of the act that has been on the books for four years.

Mr. Sponsors of H.B. 173 appeared to discuss and explain it. Mr. Sundgren stated that it goes along with a proposal that is presently in the national Congress; that the proposal would restrict legislators or public officials from acting as lobbyists until a period of two years has elapsed. Miss Jacquart inquired if such a person wouldn't be better qualified to serve in this capacity than someone inexperienced in the ways of the legislature. Mr. Wallace inquired if this is preventative or curative and was advised that it was a matter of your own interpretation. Mr. Jacobs stated that it might be preventative in that these officials (or past officials) who carried considerable prestidge might exert influence by inference.

Mr. Ensley from the Kansas League of Municipalities appeared to speak about H.B. 107, and stated that he was appearing on behalf of the County Commissioners' Association. He stated that it actually amends an existing act, is permissive in nature and limited in application to counties having a population of in excess of 150,000.

H.B. 159 was again considered and Mr. Marshall said he was satisfied with things as they presently are; that the terms could still be staggered. Mr. Riddle affirmed those remarks. Mr. Baringer stated that it was the intent to keep two experienced men on the board all the time, and moved that the bill be passed out favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ford. After considerable discussion, the vote was 4 in favor and 9 opposed to favorable recommendation. Thereupon it was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that the bill be tabled.

In considering H.B. 77, Mr. Bunten spoke in opposition to the proposal. Mr. Ford moved that the bill be recommended favorably. Upon second by Mr. Wallace, the vote was 11 in favor and 4 opposed.

Mr. Ford moved and Mr. Gardner seconded that H.B. 107 be reported favorably. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration was then given to H.B. 173. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Doyen and seconded by Mr. Baringer that the bill be reported favorably. Motion lost with vote of 4 yes and 8 no. Mr. Ford thereupon moved that the measure be tabled. Motion was seconded by Mr. Doyen and carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.