

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 26, 1963

Mr. Taylor, the Chairman, called the meeting to order and introduced Senator Murray to discuss Senate Bill No. 275. He stated that although this is not a local bill, they wish to give it local application; that No. 73 highway is being widened at Lansing and will take an area that has been used for a playground by the youngsters. He stated that agreements had been secured with the highway people and with Lansing prison officials.

Mr. Murray then stated that with regard to Senate Bill 317 he had brought Mr. Angell and Mr. McAtee to discuss the proposition. Mr. Angell stated that the federal government is willing to give the control of the nuclear problems to the States and this bill proposes to take advantage of this opportunity. This bill would vest the control in the State Board of Health, at least for the time being and avoid the necessity of setting up another agency which does not seem feasible at this time. He discussed the matter of storing atomic waste in the salt mines out near Hutchinson and stated that from research it was believed that a square mile of salt mine area would be all that would be required for all time; that the matter could be sealed in steel tubes and buried into the salt. Mr. McAtee stated that the large reactors that would give off the waste material would provide electric power and other means of power and would certainly be the means of attracting large industry into the area; that New York had set up an immense atomic center but that the waste material was posing such a problem that in that area it might be necessary to curtail activities in this field. He urged that Kansas adopt this law and become a leader; that there is no limit to what may be done in the future and Kansas should be in a position to accept the benefits.

There was a great deal of discussion and questions by members of the Committee, but time caused the discussion to be curtailed.

Meeting was adjourned.