SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting April 1, 1965

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., April 1, 1965, by Chairman Sanborn. All members were present except Senator Liebert.

Mr. George Moore, director of the Forestry, Fish & Game Commission, appeared before the Committee for the purpose of gaining Committee support of a bill concerning the Nemaha County lake.

The Chairman stated that the residents near the Nemaha County Lake have between \$160,000 and \$200,000 worth of claims for damages against the Commission; however, they have agreed to settle all claims for \$20,000 providing the Commission takes out a portion of the spillway to make the lake drainable and to do some work on the drain down through the lake. \$17,900 was appropriated about 4 years ago, and \$5,000 appropriated last year. These funds have not been used.

Mr. Moore stated that engineers have stated that it will cost about \$9,000 to take out the spillway. The total amount of this new bill is \$13,900, part of which is reappropriated and \$9,000 will be new money from the Fish and Game Fee Fund. The Commission will still own the land; and there will be a camping and picnic area to maintain. The Highway Commission has an easement for the highway.

The Chairman pointed out that in visiting with Lynn Burris of the Park Authority, that Mr. Burris stated that the Park Authority could bring some prison labor up from Tuttle Creek and do a little work on the Nemaha County lake; however they would want title to the land.

Senator Ward asked if the area has been offered to the City of Seneca or the County of Nemaha. Mr. Moore stated that it has been offered to both and turned down. It was suggested that the area be reoffered to the community for \$1 and if turned down again, offered to the general public.

Senator Van Sickle moved that the bill be introduced as a Committee bill and recommended for passage. Senator Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See copy of bill attached.)

Senator Warren presented the subcommittee report on House Bills 934, 935 and 939, which brings certain employees under the State civil service plan. He moved that these bills be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that they be passed. Senator Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Ward requested committee assistance in re-introducing a bill which is necessary for uniform markings on trucks carrying flammable materials. He stated that when the bill was under consideration in the Senate Committee on Highways there was not sufficient interest in the bill for the Committee to act upon it. However, it has been brought to his attention that the bill is extremely important to coincide with federal requirements. Senator Smith moved that the bill be introduced as a Committee bill and recommended for passage. Senator Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.