

FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 23, 1969

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman who introduced Rep. Kenith Howard to explain H.B. 1041. Mr. Howard stated that this bill would establish a method to annually review legislative and executive salaries; that he and his sponsors believe it to be a good one. He explained that it would be a good way to have a truly impartial group; that the bill sets up a commission comprised of 7 members--three appointed by the Governor, two appointed by the House Speaker and two by the President Pro Tem of the Senate. The duty of the commission would be to annually review the salaries and rates of pay of elected state officials, department heads and members of the legislature; that before December 1st of each year their report would be submitted to the Governor, who must at least comment upon it during his message to the legislature, but that he would simply make his recommendation and it would still be up to the legislature to act, but that it would give some basis, from an impartial view, for salary recommendations. He stated that there would be no salary for the commission, only expenses and mileage; that they would be able to hire the necessary secretarial help but that it would fall under classified civil service to insure that the employee was properly qualified and would receive the usual pay scale.

The Chairman inquired if this was a strictly advisory commission and Mr. Howard agreed that it is. Mr. McGill called attention to the many studies made all the time which he feels nobody pays any attention to. Mr. Howard explained the difference here is that the Governor is required to make some recommendation on the report.

Discussion was deferred until a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.