

FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

JANUARY 28, 1969

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman , who introduced Rep. Linde to explain H.B. 1060. Mr. Linde stated that this is a simple repealer; that the statutes now require that butter be served in the institutions of the state; that in 1967 there were 136,000 pounds of butter served at 74¢ per pound; that margarine could be bought for 19¢ per pound, which would result in approximately \$74,000.00 per year in savings. He pointed out that margarine is also an agriculture product so members should not feel that any particular group is being discriminated against.

Mr. Brown asked what Mr. Linde thought would happen to the cream business in the state, and Mr. Linde replied that it is not the taxpayers responsibility to promote one group over another. He pointed out that soybean oil is a substantial component of margarine and that most farmers these days are raising soybeans; that there are processing mills in Kansas refining this oil for use in margarine. Mr. Lindahl inquired if this would prohibit the serving of butter in institutions and Mr. Linde explained that the bill is just permissive. Mr. Turner pointed out that Sedgwick County is one of the top 10 counties in the production of milk products, and inquired if Mr. Linde believed that never-the-less, they would benefit; and Mr. Linde replied that he believed they would overall be benefitted.

The Chairman then introduced Mr. Grant to discuss HJR 1001, who explained that the available material is scant which is one of the very things that will substantiate the need for the appointment of a Commission to study the increasing costs of government; the the Commission would hopefully be comprised of qualified men from private industry who would study the problems of duplication, excess costs, etc.; that it should not be a partisan matter; that it is a matter that has been cause for concern for a good many years; that the members of the Commission should be reimbursed for travel and expenses but that it should be a public service type of thing.

Mr. Buchele stated that there had been numerous surveys made in the past and very little done about it, and suggested this would meet with no more action. Mr. Grant explained that the report would be made to the Legislature and the burden would be on them and they would have to take the responsibility.

Mr. Buchele inquired if Mr. Grant was aware of the Governor's recommendations for streamlining the agencies, etc. and Mr. Grant explained that it was his impression the Governor was mainly talking about elected officials, whereas the Resolution deals with agencies and departments; that he intends no duplication of effort; that he favors an impartial look by experts and feels that those involved in the agencies would be too close to the subject to be objective. Mr. Unruh asked if there was a fiscal note and Mr. Grant had none, but explained this would indeed cost some money but he would consider it an investment.

Mr. Unruh stated that an efficiency study had been made in 1957 and nothing ever came of it. Mr. Grant expressed the opinion that the "man on the street" is a lot more concerned now than ever before, and felt that his demands would "make it work". Mr. McCray asked if Mr. Grant felt it would be a duplication of what the Governor is proposing, and Mr. Grant stated that it was not his intention to parallel or compete; that he felt the Governor's suggestion concerning elected officials is quite different than what is proposed in this Resolution.

The Chairman stated that because the the activities of Kansas Day, the Committee would not meet on the 29th. He then called for discussion and action on H.B. 1041 which had been discussed last week. Mr. Turner moved that the bill be amended on page 3, line 5 by striking the words "compensation and", which was an error in drafting since there is no compensation involved. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buchele and carried without dissent. Mr. Turner then moved that 1041 as amended, be recommended for passage. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buchele and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.