

FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 19, 1969

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and Mr. Kirk Hammer of the Food Service and Lodging Board was introduced to discuss H.B. 1227. He states that this bill has been approved by the Board, all members of which are actively involved in the industry in the State of Kansas. He discussed the bill section by section, and explained that in Section 3, the Board is requesting a larger license fee from all members of the industry licensed by the agency; that he presently has nine inspectors covering the entire state; that this makes a work load of approximately 1800 accounts each; that the additional revenue would permit the hiring of 3 additional inspectors, reducing the work load and permitting them to render better assistance to the industry. He pointed out that Section 6 was at the request of the hotel and motel people because they want to use some of the new synthetic fabrics in their linens; that the law is presently specific about laundering, etc. and that this kind of treatment would ruin the new fabrics; that if the synthetics could be used, it would be more economically feasible.

Mr. McGill inquired about inspections by the Board of Health and the local Boards of Health, and Mr. Hammer explained that his people worked in cooperation with all such agencies and that they attempted to use the same codes to avoid overlaps. He stated insofar as the food service inspections, they adopted the public health code (U.S.) in January 1968; that this is the accepted guideline.

Mr. Don Compton of the Motel Association introduced Mr. Frank Hafer, Mike Ghetto, Mr. Cunningham, the President of the Hotel and Motel Association, and Mr. Elmer Hire, who all agreed that they support this bill, but stated that their main interest at this time is in the linen area.

Rep. Turner discussed H.B. 1220, stating that the bill is introduced at the request of the City Commission of Wichita. He read some of the present statutes concerning dance halls and explained that this should best be regulated by the individual cities and counties. The City Attorney of Wichita explained this is strictly a repealer and he felt that things of this kind could best be taken care of by home rule. The Chairman suggested that members look the statutes over and be prepared to state any objections.

The Chairman called for action on HCR 1010. Mr. McGill moved that it be recommended for adoption. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mikesic and carried by a majority vote.

The meeting was adjourned.