

FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 7, 1969

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman who introduced Senator Shultz. The Senator stated this bill is the result of a legislative council study on Civil Service; that it does away with the 6 months residency requirement; that veterans will continue to have the 10 point credit, and that the only other change occurs on page 3 stating that a resident will be listed ahead of the non resident where their rating is the same. Mr. Shultz explained that the personnel department stated they are having difficulty finding people to take jobs and that is why they are asking to do away with the residency requirement. Mr. Unruh explained that this only refers to the examination and does not mean they will be hired.

Senator Shultz discussed SB 48, stating this deals with veterans' preference and also relates to retirement. Mr. Harry O'Reilly stated that he is Chief of the Sales Tax Division and the employee involved in the last page of the bill is his; that he is past the mandatory retirement age and is a veteran and does not wish to retire; that it was this employee that brought about the Attorney General's opinion. He states he believes this is a conflict of two statutes and needs to be cleared up by legislation.

Senator Shultz proceeded to discuss SB 169, stating that it deals with the regulations by the ABC concerning fraternal and veterans organizations; that presently any individuals involved in law enforcement cannot serve as an officer in these clubs--the Elks, American Legion, etc. and this would not bar them. Mr. Keenan stated that in some smaller communities this is indeed a problem for good and qualified people to be barred from serving. Mr. Turner stated that he realized that some of these organizations are "sacred cows" but he is not sure the problem exists. It was suggested that maybe the repeal is being asked so some of the clubs can then participate in illegal activities.

Senate Bill 345 was discussed, and it was determined that this is for Johnson County and asks to use revenue bonds instead of general obligation bonds for their airport improvements.

HCR 1053 was described as a scholarship study for law enforcement officers at the academy. Rep. Turner stated that Shelby Smith seems to feel this is vitally important. Mr. Ungerer moved that the Resolution be recommended for adoption.

Mr. Buchele stated that we started this program not very long ago and the idea was that the local communities would pay the way of their law enforcement officers; that this is the first chink in the wall toward state financing and that it was intended to be self supporting; that it should have an opportunity to work for awhile. Mr. Turner stated that the purpose is that the Federal Crime Commission can supply some funds that we could get and Mr. McGill stated that he served on this committee last year and if there are any more funds available than have already been received the people in the Research Department at KU don't know about it.

Mr. Turner seconded the motion made by Mr. Ungerer and the vote was tied 8 to 8. The Chairman voted yes and the motion was declared passed.

Senator Foster appeared to discuss SCR 12, which deals with a study concerning ROTC in the colleges--it asks for a study jointly by the legislative council and the Board of Regents; that this would be in time for a report to the 1970 session. He states that he believes this program is very important to the State of Kansas and to the nation; that about half of all the officers in the army, one third of those in the air force and 20% of those in the Navy are ROTC products; that it costs about \$40,000 to produce an officer through the military academies and only about 10% of that to produce them through ROTC. He stated that at KU there is a faculty senate committee which recommends that ROTC credits should be cut in half; that many of the people on facilities these days are opposed to military service and he fears it will just be a matter of time before they want to abolish the program and the Board of Regents will have nothing to say about it; that he favors a study and then the value cannot be repudiated. There was a great deal of discussion by the Committee--Mr. Everett felt that the legislature should not try to tell the Board of Regents About curriculum; Mr. Winters stated that he was in favor of continuing the program; that he had been in ROTC and that it had been a great deal of help in his military service; Mr. Brokaw stated that the only reason for this resolution is that we have some people in the colleges who are against the ROTC program and in fact against military in any form and that they are trying to get the program discontinued.

The Chairman stated that he had some amendments to HCR 1033; that the resolution proposes to amend the constitution in Article 14 to permit 5 instead of 3 issues to appear on the ballot and also deals with the mode of calling a constitutional convention; that his amendment deals with the latter and would change the representatives to the 125 representative districts because he didn't feel 40 was enough. It was suggested that it be amended on page 3, line 14 to deal with qualifications as well. It was moved by Mr. McGill, seconded by Mr. Ungerer and carried unanimously that the amendments be adopted. Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Brokaw and seconded

by Mr. Ungerer that the Resolution as amended be recommended favorably. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Woodward that SCR 12 be recommended for adoption. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ungerer and carried 11 to 4.

It was moved by Mr. McGill and seconded by Mr. Winters that SCR 345 be recommended for ~~passa~~ge. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Buchele moved that SB 43 be amended on page 3, lines 8 and 9 by restoring the stricken language. Motion was seconded by Mr. Everett and carried unanimously. Mr. Andrews moved that the bill as amended, be recommended favorably. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ungerer and carried 13 yes and no dissents.

It was moved by Mr. Ungerer that SB 169 be recommended for passage. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brokaw and carried 7 yes to 6 no.

The meeting was adjourned.