

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

ROOM 529

March 4, 1970

Consideration of House Bills
Nos. 1334 and 1809

The Senate Judiciary Committee met in Room 529 March 4, 1970 at eleven o'clock A.M. with the chairman, Senator Steadman Ball presiding. All members were present except Senators Bennett, Gaar, Steineger, Storey and Winter.

Guests of the committee were Professor Robert Henry and a class of political science students from St. Benedict's College at Atchison, Kansas.

Rep. Ervin Grant was present to appear in support of House Bill No. 1809. He gave the history of the context of the bill, saying that it represented four years' work. He said that the Family Law Committee of the Bar Association is beginning to make great strides on this social obligation, and this bill would require the parties involved in the divorce action to seek marriage counseling during the 60-day waiting period. Senators Tillotson, Pomeroy, Healy, Arvin, Rogers and Bell asked Mr. Grant questions regarding the bill and some discussion followed. Mary Schoengehrt also appeared in support of the bill and stated that she agreed with Mr. Grant's presentation.

Judge Beryl Johnson appeared in support of House Bill No. 1334. He stated that court reporters often left this state for a raise in remuneration. Miss Gladys Joseph, a court reporter for many years, also appeared in support of the bill.

Following the presentation of House Bill No. 1334, Senator Pomeroy moved and Senator Arvin seconded that the bill be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that the bill be passed.

Senator Rogers explained House Bill No. 1163 saying that it applied to Riley County and one other county. He stated it was comparable to a bill drawn for Johnson County.

Senator Rogers stated it would take a vote of the people to put it in and it would not be ready for a year or two. Also, the county hopes to get Federal Funds to help implement it.

A discussion by Senators Pomeroy, Smith and Rogers was held on House Bill No. 1712.

The meeting adjourned to meet March 5, 1970 in Room 523 at 11 A.M.

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MINUTES APPROVED:

Steadman Ball
Steadman Ball, Chairman

March 11, 1970