

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
House of Representatives

February 8, 1979

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL No. 49

Chairman, Rep. George Johnston
Rep. James Azzara
Rep. Willard Bennett

Chairman Johnston called the subcommittee to order at 11:15 a.m. and noted that the sponsor, Rep. Waldron, Marion Campbell from the Secretary of State's Office, and Paul Richards of Common Cause were also present.

JOHNSTON moved acceptance of the amendments from the Secretary of State's Office, (reference Attachment #1B) which carried.

Waldron went over the amendments he had presented to the full committee, (see Attachment #2A). There was some concern that excluding state agencies was inconsistent because they are expending money on keeping people up here and should be required to report those expenditures. The Secretary's amendments strike "public officials" to conform with the title amendment because the agencies are shown in the title.

RICHARDS-When a Legislator requests someone to be here would that be included?
WALDRON-Yes.

AZZARA moved that the committee accept Waldron's amendments, which carried.

AZZARA-Could we get some sort of a condensed report at the end of the session which would reveal who lobbies for whom or dissemination of the information in some form? WALDRON-I don't think it is advisable since all of the information is available to the public. We have given the campaign commissioner the power to deal with elected officials so wouldn't he be better to deal with this than the Legislative Auditor? These papers would still have to be kept for 6 years, but I think the Auditor shouldn't be the one to do this. Would there be any objection to our striking "Legislative Auditor" and inserting "Secretary of State"?

BENNETT moved the amendment, and the motion carried.

RICHARDS-There was a request by Rep. Brand to find the money backing the lobbying organizations. On page 8 of your Reference Bill (see Attachment #3) - this wording in in bills in several states and this covers the big organizations and tells you where the money is coming from.

WALDRON-Some of the other committee members also spoke of this issue and I would recommend that this amendment be added.

AZZARA moved the amendment relative to the source of contributions, which carried.

RICHARDS-Our only other amendments relate to administrative action, which goes on between sessions. This would cover the full two years rather than just when you are in session.

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AZZARA moved the acceptance of Common Cause's amendments relative to administrative action, which carried.

WALDRON--Could we have a motion to change "registrant" to "principle" through the bill?


AZZARA so moved, and the motion carried.

AZZARA moved HB 49 AS AMENDED DO PASS, which failed with Johnston and Bennett voting no.

BENNETT moved HB 49 AS AMENDED DO NOT PASS, which passed 2 - 1.

Adjourned: 12:30 p.m.


George Johnston, Chairman


Nita Sierke, Secretary