

motion on the floor regarding the appointment of a committee. He said his mind went back to the time when the organization was young, when there was no Executive Secretary and there were committees which did wonderful work. They worked hard. The committees went before the Legislature and when work was being done on the Civil Service law the committees did yeoman work. Then the Executive Secretary was appointed and the tendency has been through the last two or three years to appoint a committee and the committee lays a portion of their work on the shoulders of the Executive Secretary and the committees have drifted into desuetude. They just exist. There seems to be some feeling that taking Mr. Stewart off his normal duties and placing him in the membership drive for the next 60 to 90 days might badly curtail the program for the next legislature, especially in regard to departmental budgets. Mr. Chidsey said in getting back to the committee, he thought Mr. Smith could very well appoint his committee members from all the departments, appoint men who have had experience with budgets. He felt there were plenty of experts and that the committee could function almost entirely without the aid of Mr. Stewart, so that for the next 60 to 90 days Mr. Stewart would be unhampered. In a great many cases they could present the information to the various departments with little or no help from Mr. Stewart. This thought was put in the form of a motion to amend the original motion. Unless the membership can be increased the other work isn't going to do any good, because there won't be any legislative program. Unless we double our membership between now and Legislature, the Association won't have enough money to carry on the program, so it is a matter of giving Mr. Stewart a chance to increase the membership and of some of our other members going back to work.

Mr. O'Neil moved previous question on the amendment.

Previous question carried. Amendment to motion carried. A motion to refer it to the Laws and Legislation Committee was out of order. Original motion carried.

Mr. Erickson said Mr. Query had made a comprehensive study before the last meeting, but also that he had further information reflecting wage conditions at the present time in private industry.

Mr. White asked Mr. Query if he would accept the chairmanship of the committee.

Mr. Query said he had purposely delayed the appointment of his Laws and Legislation Committee until this Directors' meeting, and that he believed all the committees which might have matters to go before the Legislature should be represented on the Laws and Legislation Committee. With this thought in mind he wished to appoint as members of his committee the chairmen of the various committees as they have worked on various problems and are familiar with them and he wanted the benefit of their advice and their views on the Laws and Legislation Committee. However, so far as the matter just put directly to him, if anyone thought he could handle it he would most certainly do so, but he would find people who could and would do the work, the legal and groundwork.

Mr. White appointed Mr. Query chairman of the committee and told him to appoint the other members. He said he intended to be a committee of one on the membership drive and he would appoint Mr. Stewart as co-chairman.

Item 12 on Agenda: Two pay days a month.

Mr. Chidsey moved that the matter be tabled and the motion was carried.

New Business: Audit of Association's books.

There has been no audit since 1946 at which time an audit was made by Mr. Starr's office.

Mr. Chidsey moved that the President be authorized to secure an audit of the Association's books. Motion carried.

Resolution from Library Chapter: regarding a non-commercial lunch room for use of all state employees.

Mr. Ericksen said he believed the Board should take affirmative action and refer it to the Board of Control. It was so ordered.

Mr. R. M. Smith said he would like to suggest having office space set aside in the new office building for the Employees Association headquarters.

Mr. Ericksen said he believed in the interest of employee welfare there should be a meeting place or a conference room made available. He said there already is a shortage of office space to house state activities and he did not believe the Association would get very far with the suggestion for office space, but he did believe provisions

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