

Name of Committee: STATE AND LOCAL AFFAIRS
Date and Place of Meeting: February 29, 1972, Room 522-S
All members present
Bills Considered: S.B. 430, 577, H.B. 1762, 1781, 1985
Conferees: Mr. Leigh Warner, Senator Jack Steineger, Rep. Spears, Mr. Harold Ream of The Kansas Council on Intergovernmental Relations, Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Harley Huggins.

Chairman Norman E. Gaar called the meeting to order.

Hearing for governor appointee Mr. Leigh Warner to the Economic Development Commission held. This would be a reappointment for a one 4-year term for Mr. Warner. Mr. Warner stated his interest lies in the quality of life in Kansas, and that firms that consider Kansas want a steady legislature so they know what to expect and what they can depend on. He further stated he is satisfied with Mr. Lacey's direction. Senator Gaar asked if in considering and encouraging economic development you also consider environmental effects as well as economic effects, and Mr. Warner said they are all tied together, everything is considered. Senator Thomas made the motion that Mr. Warner's appointment be approved with Senator Booth seconding. Vote 11-0. Carried.

S.B. 430, 577, H.B. 1762 and 1781 discussed. Senator Jack Steineger presented his case as proponent for these bills which are local bills for Wyandotte County, and suggested amendments for S.B. 430 and 577. Senator Steineger said they have definite problems in the county and quoted their highest mill levy at 156 mills and their lowest 112. The Senator feels taxpayers would have a right to vote on whether or not they wish any additional improvements. Regarding 577, there are now five taxing units and no correlation with the issuance of bonds. They desire the consolidation of city and county governments and the start is with the budgets. Senator Steineger presented amendments to both bills. H.B. 1762 would prevent public housing from increasing burden in some school districts. Mr. Harley Huggins said 1762 says the city can't charge such as a sewer fee unless sewer is available for use. 1781 collection of trash etc. Would undo special legislative work done 4 or 5 years ago when they entered into a ten-year garbage contract. Senator Pomeroy made the motion to amend S.B. 430 with Senator Steineger's proposed amendment with Senator Robinson seconding. Vote 11-0. Carried. S.B. 430 is hereby amended. Senator Pomeroy made the motion that S.B. 430 be reported favorable for passage as amended with Senator Robinson seconding. Vote 11-0. Carried. S.B. 430 is hereby reported favorable for passage as amended.

Senator Pomeroy made the motion that S.B. 577 be amended with Senator Steineger's proposed amendment with Senator Robinson seconding. Vote 11-0. Carried. S.B. 577 is hereby amended. Senator Pomeroy made the motion that S.B. 577 be reported favorable for passage as amended with Senator Robinson seconding. Vote 11-0. Carried. S.B. 577 is hereby reported favorable for passage as amended.


Representative Spears appeared as a proponent for H.B. 1985 and presented printed testimony to the committee and was firm in his approval of the suggested amendment to the bill. "Any municipality making purchases in accordance with the provisions of this act shall pay to the state director of purchases an amount established by the director for the services rendered by the department to reimburse the department for costs incurred in providing such services."

Mr. Whiteside said they did not find any opposition from local people on this and that there was a spirit of cooperation, and he would wish the committee to give favorable consideration to this bill.

Mr. Harold Ream, Executive Secretary of Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations said it is difficult to say how many states are using this form, however, he believes 35 states at this time and close to 12 have inacted the program in the last twelve years. Would permit local government to avail themselves to higher buying purchases.

Opponents to H.B. 1985 will testify Wednesday morning including Mr. Jack Quinlan and Mr. William Devore.

The committee will meet Wednesday morning, March 1, 1972 at 9:00.


Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved:

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