

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Local Government

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gaar at  
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~xxx~~p.m. on February 16, 1984 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Ehrlich, Gaines and Winter, who were excused.

Committee staff present: Mike Heim  
Theresa Kiernan  
Emalene Correll  
Peggy Wylie

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Ron Hein  
Mr. Mile Salmon, Gen. Mgr., Topeka Metropolitan  
Transit Authority  
Mr. Marvin Perkins, Topeka-Tecumseh Fire Dist.

Senator Gaar opened the hearing on S.B. 638, concerning the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority. Mr. Robert Salmon, General Manager of the Authority, explained that Topeka has fallen out of the population bracket of 120,000 and the bill would amend K.S.A. 12-2802, 12-2816 and 12-2839 to apply to the City of Topeka regardless of population. The bill would also change the term of office for members from 5 years to 4 years. Senator Gaar asked Mr. Salmon if the desired results be accomplished by charter ordinance and was advised that the Authority had elected to go the legislative route. Senator Mulich moved to report the bill favorably for passage. Senator Parrish seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous vote. Senator Gaar asked Senator Parrish to carry the bill.

Senator Ron Hein spoke in support of S.B. 649, relating to compensation for the Topeka-Tecumsah Fire District officers. Senator Hein explained the bill and said it was supported by the three Shawnee County Senators. He then turned the hearing over to Mr. Marvin Perkins of the Fire District, who also appeared in support of the bill. Senator Parrish moved to amend the bill to allow the Board to designate the meeting date each month and to submit its report on January 31 instead of the first Monday. Senator Mulich seconded the motion and it carried. Senator Mulich then moved to report the bill as amended favorably for passage. Senator Parrish seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous vote. Senator Hein was asked to carry the bill.

The committee discussed S.B. 668, authorizing a board of county commissioners to establish a uniform letterhead design for use by county offices and departments. Senator Bogina moved to report the bill favorably for passage. Senator Daniels seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion failed on a vote of 3 in favor and 4 against.

The meeting was adjourned to 9:00 a.m. February 21, 1984.