

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Local Government

The meeting was called to order by Senator Montgomery at
VICE Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 13, 1984 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Bogina, Roitz, Allen, Gaines and Winter, who were excused.

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Theresa Kiernan, Emalene Correll, Joan Mullins

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Ginger Barr
Marvin Perkins, Topeka Township
Vern Evans, Soldier Township Treasurer
Darold Main, Intergovernmental Coordinator,
Shawnee County
Representative James Braden
Representative Jess Harder
Representative Robert Wunsch
Steven Weichman, Association of Counties
Scott Lambers, Overland Park, Kansas

Senator Montgomery opened the hearing on H.B. 2681, which would permit a township to publish a summary rather than its entire annual report of expenditures and receipts. Representative Barr, Marvin Perkins, Vern Evans and Darold Main appeared in support of the bill. Following discussion, Senator Daniels moved to amend the bill in line 0077 to require publication of the summary in a newspaper of general circulation in the township. Senator Parrish seconded the motion and it carried by a unanimous vote. Senator Parrish then moved to report the bill favorably for passage. Senator Ehrlich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Senator Gaar asked Senator Parrish to carry the bill.

Representative Braden appeared before the committee to explain and support H.B. 2773, which would grant additional powers to improvement districts located more than five miles from any city. Mr. Steve Weichman expressed the support of the Association of Counties for the bill. Mr. Heim reported to the committee that a floor amendment may be necessary because of a Senate bill amending the same statute, and Senator Gaar asked Ms. Kiernan to discuss the amendment with Representative Sand. Senator Mulich moved to report the bill favorably. Senator Parrish seconded the motion and it carried by a unanimous vote. Senator Gaar agreed to carry the bill.

Representatives Harder and Wunsch appeared in support of H.B. 2807, which would authorize a township to expend up to \$10,000 for highway and road construction without approval of the county engineer. The bill also raises the amount of compensation a township board member can receive for work and labor on the township's roads. Representative Harder reported that the Association of Townships supports the legislation. Senator Mulich moved to report the bill favorably for passage. Senator Ehrlich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Senator Gaar asked Senator Montgomery to carry the bill.

Mr. Scott Lambers appeared to ask the committee's favorable consideration of H.B. 2834, which would clarify a city's authority to regulate and provide for planting, maintenance and removal of trees and shrubbery on public rights of way. Senator Montgomery moved to report the bill favorably for passage. Senator Mulich seconded the motion and it carried. Senator Gaar indicated he would carry the bill.

The meeting was adjourned to March 15, 1984.