

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Local Government

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gaar at
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 20, 1984 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

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

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mr. Kim Dewey, Sedgwick County
Senator Francis Gordon
Representative Clinton Acheson
Mr. Chris McKenzie
Mr. John Dozier, Columbian Title, Topeka

Senator Gaar opened the hearing on H.B. 2847. Senator Gordon appeared to explain and support the bill, which would permit Hiawatha and Morrill to join with Brown County in participating in the Mo-Kan Regional Planning Commission. Senator Allen moved to report the bill favorably for passage. Senator Montgomery seconded the motion and it carried by a unanimous vote. Senator Montgomery was asked to carry the bill.

Mr. Kim Dewey spoke in support of H.B. 2757, which would authorize Sedgwick County to collect an annual license fee for dogs in unincorporated areas. Senator Daniels moved to report the bill favorably. Senator Mulich seconded the motion. Senator Gaines offered a substitute motion to amend the bill to repeal the statute. Senator Ehrlich seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 3 for and 2 against. Senator Gaines was asked to carry the bill.

A hearing was then held concerning H.B. 2914, which would simplify the process of vacating public use of lands. Proponents of the bill included Representative Acheson, Chris McKenzie and John Dozier. Mr. Dozier also informed the committee that the Kansas Land Title Association supports the legislation. Mr. McKenzie presented an amendment suggested by the office of the Attorney General which would make it clear that, upon transfer, a city will hold the property in trust and cannot use it for any other purpose. Senator Mulich moved to report the bill favorably. Senator Montgomery seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. Senator Gaar agreed to carry the bill.

Senator Allen asked for consideration of H.B. 2022, which permits counties to give a portion of their countywide retailers' sales tax revenues to a township within the county. Senator Mulich moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion died for lack of a second. Senator Allen moved to report the bill favorably for passage. Senator Montgomery seconded the motion and it carried, with 3 voting aye, 1 voting no and 1 abstaining. Senator Allen was asked to carry the bill.

Senator Mulich moved, and Senator Montgomery seconded, approval of the minutes of the March 15, 1984 meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned to March 21, 1984.