

Approved March 3, 1986

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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Governmental Organization

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at  
Chairperson

1:40 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on February 25, 1986 in room 531N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Johnston - excused

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird - Research

Arden Ensley - Revisor

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sue Bauman - Administrative Assistant to President Talkington

Betty Jones - Eagle Forum

Dean Boyer - City Engineer, Salina

Peter Brown - Asst. City Manager, Salina

Jim Kaup - League of Municipalities

The Chairman called the meeting to order and introduced Sue Bauman who addressed the committee on behalf of SB 609 which would establish the Kansas Commission on the Bi-Centennial. This commission would plan and develop activities, encourage organizations to participate and coordinate activities throughout the state and with the U.S. Commission. (Exhibit A)

Betty Jones spoke briefly in support of SB 609 stating that 20 states have already established a commission and Kansas was running a little behind.

After some discussion by the Committee a motion was made by Senator Gaines to pass SB 609. This was seconded by Senator Strick. Motion carried.

The Committee then turned its attention to SB 582 relating to the boundary lines of cities. Peter Brown and Dean Boyer spoke in support of this bill. It was pointed out that the cities spend several hundred dollars to publish this information in the paper and it was felt that few if any people read these notices. Therefore it was requested that the governing body of any city be allowed to declare the changes in boundary lines by resolution with the county clerk. Dean Boyer and Jim Kaup also spoke in support of this bill stating the word "ordinance" is redundant and requested that this be stricken from the bill.

Senator Gaines made a motion to recommend SB 582 favorable for passage with the condition that the word "ordinance" be stricken and the word "resolution" be left as written. This was seconded by Senator Bogina. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Hoferer to approve the minutes of the February 18th meeting. This was seconded by Senator Frey. Motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned by the Chairman.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: Senate Governmental Organization

DATE: Feb. 25, 1986

NAME	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
Tom Walsh	120 E. 10th	KS. STATE DEPT. OF ED.
DEAN BOYER	300 W. ASH	CITY OF SALINA, KAN.
Peter Brown	300 W. ASH	CITY OF SALINA, KS
Marty Kennedy	Topeka	Budget
Pat Goodson	Shawnee	RTL
Betty Jones	Shawnee	Eagle Forum

1987 marks the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution. The twenty-three member Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, established by Act of Congress and appointed by President Reagan, will coordinate a three year nation-wide celebration reflecting the historic events which led to the enactment of our Constitution.

The commission will emphasize the educational opportunities afforded by the Bicentennial, to foster a "just appreciation and clearer understanding" of our constitutional heritage. Chief Justice Warren Burger, Chairman of the Commission, calls it an occasion for "a history and civics lesson for all of us."

The celebration will focus on the framing of the Constitution in 1787, ratifying the Constitution in 1788, and establishing a government under the Constitution in 1789. A major goal of the Commission will be to stimulate activity by thousands of organizations at the grass roots level that will educate their members and others about the Constitution and its unique ability to ensure freedom under law.

The establishment of bipartisan state bicentennial commissions is a first start. SB 609 would create a 23 member state commission composed of the chief justice, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house or their designees, six members appointed by the governor, three by the speaker, two by the house minority leader, three by the senate president, two by the senate minority leader and four by the chief justice. The commission would plan and develop activities, encourage local governments and private organizations to organize and participate, serve as a clearinghouse, and coordinate activities throughout the state and with the U.S. Commission.