

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Local Government

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

9:00 a.m./~~pm~~ on February 20, 1986 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Winter who was excused.

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Theresa Kiernan, Emalene Correll, Lila McClaflin

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Phil Martin, Pittsburg, KS.
K. I. Loy, Highland Park Cemetery, Pittsburg, KS
William H. Shute, Highland Park Cemetery, " "
W. Keith Weltmer, Special Asst. Secretary of State
Jim Kaup, League of Kansas Municipalities

S.B. 456 the hearing on this bill was opened. The bill would exempt any cemetery existing on March 1, 1968 located in Crawford County, that is owned and operated by a nonprofit organization from depositing 15% of the funds received from sale of lots into a permanent fund operated by a savings and loan or a bank. Johnson County now has the exemption.

Senator Martin sponsor of the bill explained to the Committee why he had introduced the bill. He introduced William H. Shute and K. I. Loy both officers of the Board of Directors of Highland Park Cemetery, Pittsburg, KS.

Mr. Loy stated that he was secretary/treasurer of the board he'd served on the board for twenty-five years. The cemetery's permanent maintenance fund is \$100,000. The cemetery board believes they can do a better job of maintenance of the fund since most of the members have been involved for several generations, also, banks and savings and loan associations charge for these services.

W. Keith Weltmer was present and answered questions concerning how these funds are set up under the statutes. He stated he had tried to trace why the bill had been passed exempting Johnson County, and he was unable to do so.

Mr. William Shute stated he backed up Mr. Loy's statement, they are extremely solvent, their perpetual fund is in excellent condition and he hoped the Committee would support the bill.

Committee discussion followed. Members of the Committee were concerned that this bill if passed to exempt Crawford County would open it up for other counties to ask for the same exemption. No action was taken on the bill.

S.B. 493 concerning recreation commissions; relating to levies. Senator Daniels sponsor of the bill explained to the Committee why she had requested the bill. Senator Daniels stated the State Recreation Commission would not oppose the bill if it were amended in lines 126 and 128 at the language "at Least". Senator Daniels moved to amend this section. Senator Allen seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Staff stated the original intent of the legislation was that these people be extra.

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Jim Kaup stated when you increase the tax levy the commission needs to be more accountable to the electorate not less, therefore they had some problem with the "at least" language.

Staff was instructed to research the legislative intent and clarify the language in the bill. The bill will be discussed further at a later date.

Senator Mulich moved to adopt the minutes of the February 19th meeting. Senator Langworthy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned until February 25, 1986, at 9:00 a.m.



Senator Don Montgomery

