

Approved April 3, 1987  
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

9:09 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 31, 1987 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Arden Ensley, Mike Heim, Emalene Correll and Lila McClaflin

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Clyde Graeber, 41st District, Leavenworth  
Representative Melvin Neufeld, 115th District, Ingalls, Ks.  
Tom Bell, Kansas Hospital Association, Topeka, Ks.

The hearing was opened on H.B. 2183. The Chairman introduced Rep. Graeber. Rep. Graeber stated H.B. 2183 makes a technical amendment by naming Leavenworth County to a statute permitting certain counties to spend moneys for premiums and awards for fairs. The bill was needed since their county had grown in population and was not included within the population brackets of the statute.

H.B. 2185 - Concerning township hospital districts; relating to the selection of members to the hospital boards.

Rep. Melvin Neufeld stated the bill had been requested by the Minneola District Hospital. If the hospital board members were elected for 4 year terms it would be the same as the school board members and they could share the election expenses.

Tom Bell stated they support H.B. 2185 this change would allow them to share election costs with the school districts, thereby saving them money. (ATTACHMENT I)

Staff suggested "township" be deleted from the title of the bill, as there are no longer township hospital districts.

Senator Daniels moved to strike "township" from the title. The motion was seconded by Senator Langworthy. The motion carried.

Senator Allen moved to pass as amended H.B. 2185. The motion was seconded by Senator Steineger. The motion carried.

Senator Steineger moved that H.B. 2183 be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a non-controversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Senator Daniels. The motion carried.

The Chairman referred to H.B. 2394, concerning the county extension programs.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 531-N, Statehouse, at 9:09 a.m.~~p.m.~~ on March 31, 1987

Senator Salisbury moved to amended H.B. 2394, on page 2, line 51 after "a body", "except that such approval shall included approval by a majority of all members of the Board of County Commissioners upon such approval of the budget the Board of County Commissioners shall make an appropriation and certify to the county clerk". Senator Langworthy seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Staff suggest the same language used for the approval of hospital budgets might be appropriate. The Chairman stated he thought the extension people were willing to compromise to get some of the things they had requested.

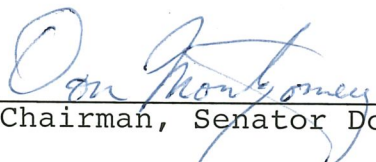
Gerry Ray representing the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County stated it would be satisfactory with their commissioners to have the same language used for the approval of hospital districts as long as it could be worked into the time frame.

Senator Steineger offered a conceptual motion to amended the bill to included the hospital procedure in it and to leave the final approval with the Board of County Commissioners. Staff would prepare the amendment to be looked at on April 1st meeting.

Senator Salisbury did not object to this procedure being included as long as the county commissioners had the final approval of the budget. She withdrew her motion and the second was withdrawn.

Senator Allen moved to adopt the minutes of March 26th and 27th. The motion was seconded by Senator Ehrlich. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m., the next meeting will be April 1, 1987.

  
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Chairman, Senator Don Montgomery





**Donald A. Wilson**  
President

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- I. KHA supports H.B. 2185.
  
- II. H.B. 2185 applies to district hospitals. There are approximately 20 district hospitals in the state, ranging generally from 15-50 beds. These are small hospitals that are, in many cases, facing financial difficulties.
  
- III. Present law requiring three-year terms for board members would, in some cases, require the hospital to assume the entire bill for an election. By allowing the flexibility to provide four-year terms, district hospitals could share the costs of election with other governmental units, thereby saving money.

(ATTACHMENT **I**) LOCAL GO  
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