

Approved January 31, 1990
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Sen. Don Montgomery at
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on January 25, 1990 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Sen. Gaines - Excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None.

The Chairman reminded the committee that he had asked that they offer any suggestions they might have to improve the lease-purchase law. He said that in his opinion there is a need to act on it. Sen. Steineger noted that lease-purchases are more costly in contrast with local units acquiring by a bond where there is no intermediary making a profit. The Chairman briefly reviewed the concerns that had been expressed by conferees.

The Chairman appointed a subcommittee to draft a bill which is as follows: Sen. Allen, Chairman, Sen. Daniels, Sen. Burke and Sen. Gaines. A discussion followed as to what issues should be addressed by the subcommittee, one main issue being to determine if school districts are bound by the ten year provision. The Chairman felt the school board association and the Attorney General's office should be consulted as part of the subcommittee's work.

A discussion followed as to how lease-purchase agreements have been used to build schools. Staff noted that there are two other special statutes with the ten year provision, one applies to community colleges and another applies to recreation commissions.

The Chairman called the committee's attention to several bills in need of being reported unfavorably due to various circumstances. The bills are: SB 35 (taxation, mortgage registration), SB 57 (municipal group funded liability pools), SB 85 (general bond law), SB 143 (county treasurer and appraiser offices), SB 288 (cemetery titles), and HB 2256 (sale of property by board of public utilities). Sen. Langworthy made a motion to report the above-named bills unfavorably, Sen. Petty seconded, and the motion carried.

A short discussion followed regarding what the subcommittee should consider when it meets.

The minutes of January 24 were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.