

Approved March 15, 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 March 14, 1990 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senators Gaines, Petty, Steineger and Allen - Excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Doug Martin, Counselor for Shawnee County  
Paul Selby, Kansas Judicial Center  
Bev Bradley, Kansas Association of Counties

The hearing began on HB 2965 concerning the governing body of certain drainage districts. The Chairman explained that the bill was requested by the Revisor as a clean-up to change "director" to "supervisor" and suggested that it be put on the Consent Calendar.

Sen. Daniels made a motion to recommend HB 2965 favorable for passage and that it be put on the Consent Calendar, Sen. Lee seconded, and the motion carried.

Attention was turned to HB 2847 concerning the collection of delinquent property taxes in Sedgwick, Johnson, Wyandotte and Shawnee Counties. Doug Martin, counselor for Shawnee County, testified in support of the bill. He noted that it was recommended by the Association of Counties. He explained that the bill relates to only four counties and applies only to personal property taxes. He indicated that the only significant amendment is at the bottom of page 3 dealing with judgments less than \$50.00. Mr. Martin explained that this would allow the four counties to not have to attempt to collect on taxes under \$50.00 after the first time. This is not mandatory but an option available for the counties.

The Chairman asked why only the four counties were included in the bill. Mr. Martin answered that there had been a bill for the other counties, but it did not pass. Staff explained that all the other counties have a different procedure for collection than the four in the bill. Also, the other bill dealt with oil and gas. Mr. Martin said there is a separate statute for other counties that perhaps could be amended in HB 2847. The Chairman stated that if the bill is good for four counties, it would be good for all of the others also.

Sen. Daniels made a motion to include all 105 counties in HB 2847 by amending in the statute applying to the other counties, Sen. Frahm seconded, and the motion carried.

The committee will vote on the bill tomorrow after seeing the amendment.

Paul Selby, Kansas Judicial Center, stood to state his support of HB 2847.

Bev Bradley, Kansas Association of Counties, stood to express her support of the bill and support of the amendment to enlarge it to include all other counties.

The minutes of March 2 were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

