

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by REPRESENTATIVE M. J. JOHNSON at
Chairperson

1:34 ~~am~~^{XX}/p.m. on MARCH 4, 1991 in room 521-S of the Capitol

All members were present ~~XXXX~~:

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Dept.
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Connie Smith Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Chairman explained she would like the committee to discuss and possibly take action on HB 2280 and HB 2191. Chairman Johnson explained she had appointed two subcommittees to study the recommendations of four other bills.

HB 2450, Sedgwick co. public improvements; procedure; financing, and HB 2188, pledge of sales tax revenue for payment of g.o. bonds by city of Wichita, will be studied by Subcommittee #1 composed of Representative Nancy Brown, Chairman, Representative Richard Lahti and Representative Gwen Welshimer. Subcommittee #2 will study HB 2314, contracts concerning property tax payments and payments in lieu of taxes and HB 2297, publication of board of tax appeals orders tax levy limitations, will be composed of Representative George Gomez, Chairman, Representative Walker Hendrix, and Representative Judith Macy. Chairman Johnson would like the two subcommittees to make recommendations to the committee as soon as possible so that the bills may be worked later in the week. The airport bills will be held and hopefully they will try to get something worked out by Friday. Carl Holmes' airport bill, HB 2341, is expected to be referred to the tax committee.

Chairman called to the committee's attention testimony received after the hearing on HB 2194 from Gary Sherrer and information requested by Representative Stephens pertaining to tenants of the Wichita Airport Authority. Anne Smith, Kansas Association of Counties provided written testimony on HB 2188 which was heard on February 26, 1991. All attachments relating to a particular bill are filed in the minutes on the date of the first hearing.

Chairman Johnson called for discussion or possible action on HB 2280.

HB 2280 - Provides for the election of county appraisers; currently appraisers are appointed.

Chairman stated that Vic Miller gave us some comments of why he believed the appraisers weren't able to do their job and it was because of the constraints or the laws that the Legislature had passed in order to have it done in a timely fashion.

Representative Welshimer raised a point that since county appraisers report to two separate supervising authorities, the county and the state, she believed the appraisers should be elected or have them directed under the state rather than county.

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Representative Brown stated that Representative Welshimer made a good point, but she does oppose the bill because being an appraiser is 1) a very complicated process to learn and 2) she is concerned about favoritism.

Chairman Johnson had to leave so Vice-Chairman Gomez presided over the meeting.

Representative Wempe moved to table HB 2280; seconded by Representative Welshimer. The motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Gomez called for discussion or action on HB 2191.

HB 2191 - Relating to the enforcement of certain county codes and resolutions.

Mike Heim, staff, gave a brief overview of HB 2191.

Representative Brown raised a point of why the language on lines 6 and 7, page 2 from sanitary codes are different than line 30 under section 1. Staff explained it was extra language that can be stricken.

Representative Cornfield moved to take the extra language out. Representative Brown asked if the bill would have to be reprinted if it was stricken. Staff said it would. Representative Brown suggested leaving it as it is to save the state the cost of reprinting the bill. Representative Cornfield withdrew her motion. Staff stated that if they find there is a problem with the extra language, a floor amendment can be offered.

A motion was made by Representative Lahti to pass HB 2191 favorably; seconded by Representative Harder. The motion carried.

Representative Stephens moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 1991; seconded by Representative Wempe. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

