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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Senator Audrey Langworthy at  
Chairperson

9:10 a.m.~~pm~~ on Tuesday, February 11, 1992 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Gaines

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Mike Heim, Legislative Research  
Elizabeth Carlson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jim Kaup, League of Kansas Municipalities

**SB 563** - concerning municipalities; relating to the consolidation of services

Jim Kaup, League of Kansas Municipalities presented testimony as a proponent for **SB 563**. These bills requested by the League of Kansas Municipalities have come about from a two year study by the League. There will be more bills requested when the study is completed. The amendment of consolidation of functions is just language to head off problems. The present statute on the books are rather vague. In lines 23-28, the proposition put before the petitioners should be expressed only in general terms. Then if the proposition is approved, it is the duty of the governing bodies to develop and implement language for that specific consolidation. He also stated there is no provision for a time line but governing bodies would need to act in a timely fashion. Consolidation in the smaller rural areas may not take such a long time as the urban areas.

**SB 564** - concerning municipalities; relating to certain contracts

Jim Kaup, League of Kansas Municipalities, stated this was a proposed study for the interim committee. Under this bill, the several thousand townships would be able to contract with cities. The principal beneficiaries of this bill will be the townships which may want to cut back personnel or contract for services. The principal works of the townships are roads, parks, cemeteries and some fire protection. This will allow the townships to contract out with the cities or counties or with another township for these services. It would be a consolidation of function by contract.

Senator Frahm asked if in the contract would the finances be worked out. Mr. Kaup stated this could be worked out. However, the finance problems are not addressed in this bill.

Senator Montgomery asked what can be accomplished with this that can't be accomplished already. Mr. Kaup said it would expedite procedures. They wouldn't have to go through the Attorney General's office. He said he could see the cities using this law more often and sees some opportunity for cities to join townships in services.

Mr. Kaup stated the League urges support of these bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

