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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kent Glasscock at 1:30 p.m. on January 24, 1995 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Fulva Seufert, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Carl Holmes

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Glasscock called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The minutes of January 19, 1995 were distributed and approved.

Chairman Glasscock asked Mike Heim, Research Staff, to explain **HB 2066 - An Act repealing K.S.A 15-736, authorizing the issuance of certain general obligation bonds.** Before Mike Heim had a chance to really get into the details, Rep. Holmes arrived to testify. Rep. Holmes spoke favorably in support of this bill. He felt strongly that besides passing new laws, legislators must review existing statutes for cleanup and repeal statutes that are obsolete. **HB 2066** is a part of that review. (See Attachment 1)

Representative Tom Sloan moved that the committee recommend **HB 2066** favorable for passage on the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Representative John Toplikar. Motion passed.

Chairman Glasscock announced that Thursday, January 26, 1995 there would be hearings on a bill that is to be introduced tomorrow. It is a companion bill that Sen. Parkinson, Rep. Mays, Rep. Welshimer, and Rep. Glasscock have been working on concerning local mandates. This bill in essence does for local units of government what state legislators have been asking the federal government to do for the states, which is to refrain from mandates when they are unfunded.

Representative Tom Sloan said he had two bills. The first allows public agencies of this state or surrounding states to work with rural water districts. The second gives water districts eminent domain outside the boundaries of a district.

Chairman Glasscock announced that Rep. Gary Haulmark has two bills. The first deals with uniform procedure for payment of claims and the second relates to the exemptions of the Kansas Tort Claims Act.

Rep. Dennis McKinney has a bill concerning small employer health care plans and their size.

Representative Belva Ott moved that these five bills be introduced as committee bills. Rep. Doug Mays seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 1995.

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Testimony presented to
Local Government Committee
concerning
House Bill 2066

Chairman Glasscock, and committee members, I appreciate the opportunity to testify before the House Local Government committee in support of House Bill 2066. The background and purpose of this bill is as follows:

- In 1981, I, as mayor of West Plains appeared before the legislature and requested K.S.A. 15-736. Plains was trying to get the city out of the mud by paving streets. Our bond limit was restricting the completion of this project.
- In 1982, the K.S.A. 15-736 was amended to correct an error in the original statute.
- The bonds are now paid in full and the city is completely debt free.
- Because of the increased valuation due to reappraisal in the late 1980's, this statute is no longer needed.
- I discussed this repealer with an official of Plains and they approve of this repeal.

I very strongly recommend that we as legislators, besides passing new laws, must review existing statutes for cleanup and repeal statutes that are obsolete. House Bill 2066 is a part of that review.

I thank you for the opportunity to appear before this committee.

Chairman Glasscock, I stand for questions.

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Attachment 1