

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carlos Mayans at 3:30 p.m. on January 19, 1999 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Joann Flower - excused  
Rep. Deena Horst - excused  
Rep. John Toplikar - excused

Committee staff present: Michael Heim, Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Guest List (Attachment 1)

Chairman Mayans welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the freshmen members. He noted that to date only one bill - **HB 2040** (Amusement rides; liability insurance and inspection) - had been assigned, and it repeats an issue that was previously handled by the Legislature. He also noted that **HB 2023** (Municipal franchise fees) had been assigned but it was withdrawn and re-referred to the Utilities Committee.

The Chairman announced the committee will meet twice next week and described his philosophy of brisk, businesslike, and involved proceedings. He recommended that the members use the services of committee staff members in developing or researching subjects, and commended the professionalism of staff members.

Chairman Mayans noted his legislative background and interests in directing committee business. Then members and staff introduced themselves and expressed their interests in local government issues.

The Chairman directed attention to the Committee Rules which had been distributed (see Attachment 2), stating their importance in fair, respectful and impartial consideration of committee issues. The Chairman then asked if anyone had an issue to be considered for introduction.

Representative Huff moved that a bill be introduced to authorize cities and counties to issue bonds for storm drainage improvements, stating it is necessary to solve drainage problems within the three-mile unincorporated radius of cities. Representative O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Mayans stated that two technical bills concerning retailers' sales tax and county home rule were needed. He moved their introduction. Representative O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The recent interim committee study of city-county consolidation was noted, as well as the resulting introduction of **SB 7** (City-county consolidation). The Chairman stated that a briefing on the issue will be heard at the next committee meeting. Chairman Mayans also noted that Rep. Tom Sloan had presented a request for the committee to consider introduction of a bill relating to eminent domain and he will be invited to discuss his proposal at the next meeting.

The Chairman described the process to introduce committee-sponsored bills, stating a written bill is not required. A member may discuss a concept to address an issue and ask the committee to sponsor a bill. The Chairman requested that members discuss the matter with him prior to committee action.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 1999.



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
1999 COMMITTEE RULES**

1. Committee members shall not be approached during committee meetings or deliberations by anyone other than fellow legislative members or legislative staff.
2. No bill or resolution shall be taken up for a committee vote unless it is on the daily agenda or announced by the chair.
3. A motion requires a second to be in order. A motion may be withdrawn only upon consent of the member making the motion and his or her second.
4. A substitute motion is in order; but no additional substitute motion shall be in order until the prior substitute motion is disposed.
5. Amendments to motions are not in order.
6. There shall be no recording, audibly, photographically or otherwise, of committee voting except by the committee secretary.
7. A request from any member that his or her own vote be recorded shall be granted. A request to record the vote of another member will not be granted.
8. The chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and the order of business.
9. The chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature and may limit testimony, when necessary, to a specific number of minutes.
10. No conferee shall be interrupted during presentation of their testimony, except with the permission of the chair.
11. The chair reserves the right to limit questioning of conferees by committee members in the interest of time and in the interest of fairness to conferees and other committee members.
12. Questioning of a conferee shall be limited to the subject matter of the agenda for the day, except as may be otherwise allowed by the chair.
13. Granting excused absences is reserved to the chair.
14. Cellular phones and pagers are prohibited in the committee room, unless audible tones or ringers are disabled. Out of respect for other committee members and conferees, committee members will refrain from operating lap-top computers, cellular phones or other devices in the committee room during a meeting.
15. All conferees are requested to submit forty (40) copies of written testimony to the committee secretary in Room 115-S by noon of the day of the meeting.
16. The chair reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.
17. In any case where committee rules do not apply, House Rules shall govern. All powers, duties and responsibilities not addressed above are reserved to the chair.
18. Adjournment is reserved to the chair.