

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Gerry Ray at 3:30 p.m. on January 22, 2002 in Room 519 S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Melany Barnes - excused
Rep. Ethel Peterson - excused
Rep. John Toplikar - absent

Committee staff present: Mike Heim - Research Dept.
Theresa Kiernan - Revisor
Kay Dick - Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached sheet

The Chair, Rep. Ray, welcomed the committee back to the 2002 session.

The Chair announced that Leadership was wanting bills to be introduced, worked and turned out as soon as possible.

Rep. Ray stated that Leadership has also talked to her about having a hearing on **HB 2566** - incorporation laws. “Last year the Senate amended that onto a bill we had and it was agreed to be taken off. So, this year they wanted to have a hearing on it. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2002. January 29, 2002.” The bill is a result of Lake Sherwood’s problems with Topeka.

The Chair announced that on Thursday, January 24, 2002, the Kansas League of Municipalities will have “A Day At The Capitol”. The League has requested the showing of their video on the “40th Anniversary of Home Rule” in the Local Government Committee.

Rep. Ray also announced that there would be an opportunity for introduction of bills. The Leadership has told the Committee Chairs that there will be a clap-down on trying to get bills through the Exempt Committees. Rep. Ray stated she had the impression that there would be very few bills “blessed”.

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor, stated that, in as much as we meet every other day, it would speed thing along for conceptual request for bill drafts. “If you wait for a draft, sometimes it will postpone introduction of the bill for a week.” The Chair declared that it was alright for the committee members to do it that way.

Rep. Campbell made a motion to conceptually introduce a bill through this committee pertaining to “Local control of school districts”. The motion was seconded by Rep. Storm. There was no opposition to the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

