

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vickrey at 3:30 p.m. on March 11, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Everett Johnson

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department Maureen Stinson, Committee Secretary
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Rick Rehorn
Sen. Tim Huelskamp

Others attending: See attached list

The Chairman opened the hearing on:

SB 53: counties; statement of expenditures; publication of; availability

Rep. Rehorn testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). He stated that the bill amends a law requiring the board of county commissioners to publish quarterly financial statements and a special provision dealing with the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City. He explained that the bill adds to the list of locations where a detailed list of expenditures must be made available if a summary is published to include each branch public library, the community college library, and the Bonner Springs library.

There were no opponents to **SB 53**.

The Chairman closed the hearing.

The Chairman opened the hearing on:

SB 109: counties; county assumption of certain cemetery lands

Sen. Huelskamp appeared as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 2). He stated that the bill is permissive and allows the county to take control of a cemetery that has been abandoned. He explained that under current law, the cemetery would have to be abandoned for five years before the county could assume the operation. Senator Huelskamp stated that this issue is a growing problem as cemetery boards dissolve and disappear. He summarized that this bill puts the power in the hands of the township boards and counties and does not limit their abilities, it simply provides options.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 109**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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SB 53: counties; statement of expenditures; publication of; availability

Rep. Peterson made a motion for the passage of SB 53 and asked that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Rep. Toelkes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rep. Gilbert made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2003 and February 25, 2003. The motion was seconded by Rep. Peterson. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2003.