

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carlos Mayans at 3:30 p.m. on February 1, 2000 in Room 521-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Cindy Hermes, excused
Representative Joe Shriver, excused
Representative John Toplikar, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Dixie Toelkes
William Logan, Topeka Township Board
Mike Taylor, City of Wichita
Larry Kleeman, League of Kansas Municipalities
Phillip Petty, Committee for Responsible Building and Contracting

Others attending: See Guest List ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairperson Mayans opened the hearing on **HB 2663** (Transfer of Lynn Creek Cemetery property to Topeka township) and introduced Representative Dixie Toelkes. Representative Toelkes stated the bill is requested because the Lynn Creek Cemetery Association members are no longer able to maintain the cemetery. She introduced William Logan, Attorney for the Topeka township Board, who then referred to the written testimony of Robert Haselwood, Clerk of the Township (see [Attachment 2](#)). He noted legislation is required to convey the title, records and finances connected to the property. State law precedent has already been set for a like situation.

No others were present to testify on the bill, so the hearing was closed. Representative Flower moved, seconded by Representative Storm, that the bill be passed favorably with the recommendation it be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 2662** (Municipal bonds; bids, form and method of submission) and introduced Mike Taylor, Government Relations Director for the City of Wichita. Mr. Taylor described the process presently utilized by the city for municipal bond bids. The proposed legislation will permit municipalities, school and fire districts the option to utilize new electronic technology. Questions were raised on the security of electronic submission and Mr. Taylor replied that software is available to establish security and each office could establish safety procedures. He referred the committee to the written testimony of Chris Chronis, Sedgwick County's Financial Officer, who supports the bill. (See [Attachment 3](#).)

Larry Kleeman, Assistant Legal Counsel for the League of Kansas Municipalities, presented testimony in support of **HB 2662** (see [Attachment 4](#)) and urged its favorable passage.

There being no others present to testify, the hearing on **HB 2662** was closed. Representative Huff moved, seconded by Representative Gilbert, that **HB 2662** be passed favorably with the recommendation that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 2661** (Cities; bonds, retention and destruction of zoning regulations, protest petitions). Mr. Taylor offered support of the bill, noting his written testimony (see [Attachment 5](#)).

Mr. Kleeman, referring to his written testimony (see [Attachment 6](#)), supported **HB 2661**. He indicated the requirement to retain records for six months, as contained in the bill, will satisfy audit requirements.

There being no others to testify; the hearing on **HB 2661** was closed. Representative Gilbert moved, and Representative O'Connor seconded, that **HB 2661** be passed favorably with the recommendation that it be

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placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried.

The meeting was then opened for the introduction of bills.

Phillip Petty, Chairman of the Committee for Responsible Building and Contracting, presented a drafted bill to amend K.S.A. 75-3740 with the objective that the State select “best value” materials when awarding contracts for construction products (see Attachment 7). He stated the lowered standards for competitive bids and qualifications of builders and subcontractors has caused qualified tradesmen to leave their professions for other employment. Those remaining, because of lowered standards, encounter costly time delays with increased paperwork to substantiate delays. He named committee members Joe Puchee and William Rhoades; and indicated there were several labor representatives: an insurance administrator, a representative from the State Apprenticeship Council, and a State Advisory Council member. Representative O’Connor moved, Representative Gilbert seconded, that the bill be introduced. The motion carried.

The Chair noted that Representative Ken Wilke requested the committee introduce a bill which would grant authority for an improvement district to contract with an industrial district to preclude its annexation into a newly formed city unless the electorate of such industrial district approves the inclusion. Representative Long moved, Representative Welshimer seconded, that the bill be introduced. The motion carried.

Chairperson Mayans indicated that James Alford, the Sedgwick County Clerk, has requested a bill be introduced which would require the Secretary of Administration to notify the County Clerk that a city’s class has been changed from third to second. (See Attachment 8.) There being no objection, the committee approved its introduction.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, to begin discussion of the issue of Open Records.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m., February 1, 2000.