

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Gerry Ray at 3:30 p.m. on January, 16, 2001 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Randy Allen, Ex. Director, Kansas Association of Counties
Don Moler, Ex. Director, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others attending: See attached list.

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Rep. Ray at 3:30 p.m. She announced that the League of KS Municipalities (LKM) and Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) would give an overview of Local Government.

Chair asked the audience to introduce themselves, and tell of their association or affiliation.

Randy Allen, Executive Director of Kansas Association of Counties, explained the origin and development of county government. Mr. Allen elaborated on the structure, financing/revenue sources, State-shared revenue. He went in detail regarding "Home Rule", the local decision-making to positively effect local condition is a bedrock position of counties.

He summarized by saying, "Kansas Counties are diverse in their service, resources to finance service, and their philosophical approach to issues. We seek to find ways to assist all 105 counties to improve the live of their constituents."

Don Moler, Executive Director of the League of Kansas of Municipalities, expanded on Home Rule and showed a video in reference to what the League's purpose and services provide.

Mr. Moler summarized by saying, "As many of you know that have been on the Local Government Committee, the League definitely stands up for local control and home rule. When the session is over and you go home, we go back across the street and we help the local officials implement the laws. That's really what we do"

Don Moler, L.K.M. introduced a bill regarding municipalities serving as depositories of its funds.

Rep. Larry Campbell made a motion for the committee to introduce the bill, seconded by Rep. Ruby Gilbert. There was no opposition, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting is January 18, 2001.