

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on February 20, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.:

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Mike Heim, Legislative Research
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Meryl Dye, Special Assistant to City Manager, Hutchinson
Kim Gulley, League of Municipalities
Senator Derek Schmidt
James Clark, Assistant Attorney General; State Fire
Marshall's Office
Senator William Buntin
Don Moler, League of Municipalities

Others attending: see attached list.

Hearing on

SB 178 - Cities; payment for certain improvements

Chairperson Allen opened the hearing by announcing the distribution of a fiscal note on this bill.

Chairperson Allen then recognized Meryl Dye, Special Assistant to City Manager, Hutchinson, to begin testimony of proponents. Ms. Dye testified in support of **SB 178** (Attachment 1).

Kim Gulley, Director of Policy Development & Communications; League of Kansas Municipalities, also appeared briefly on behalf of **SB 178** (Attachment 2).

Although not present, written testimony in favor of **SB 178** was distributed from: Jeff Allen, President of USD Board of Education and Wynona Winn, Superintendent of USD 308 Board of Education (Attachment 3), and also from David Corliss, Assistant City Manager and Director of Legal Services for Lawrence (Attachment 4).

There were no opponents present.

Chairperson Allen announced the closing of the hearing on **SB 178** after there were no responses for additional comments.

SB 209 - Allows counties to seek reimbursement from prisoners for cost of fire district

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response to fire

Chairperson Allen opened the hearing for **SB 209**. Chairperson recognizes the first proponent of the bill, Senator Derek Schmidt. Senator Schmidt addressed the committee spoke briefly in support of **SB 209** (Attachment 5).

James Clark, Assistant Attorney General; Kansas Fire Marshal presented testimony in favor of **SB 209** (Attachment 6) which also offered proposed amendments to the bill which he believed would A fiscal note on this bill was distributed to members. _____

Although not present, written testimony was distributed from Jim Keating, President of Kansas State Firefighters Association, favoring the passage of **SB 209** (Attachment 7).

Chairperson Allen announced the closing of the hearing on **SB 209**.

SB 172 - Elections; changing the date of April primary elections to August

A fiscal note on this bill was distributed to members.

Chairperson Allen recognized Senator Bill Bunten, who provided testimony in support of **SB 172** (Attachment 8).

Don Moler, Executive Director for League of Kansas Municipalities, testified in opposition to **SB 172** (Attachment 9).

Chairperson Allen announced the closing of the hearing on **SB 172**.

Action on previously heard bills SB 77, SB 167, and SB 238.

Sheila Frahm, Executive Director KACCT, distributed a fiscal impact statement on **SB 77** (Attachment 10) for community colleges, which was previously requested by Chairperson Allen.

Don Moler, Executive Director for League of Kansas Municipalities, distributed a balloon for **SB 77** as discussed during the previous meeting and options for wording changes (Attachment 11), which were previously requested by Chairperson Allen, and Mr. Moler also briefed the committee on these proposed changes. Rick Thames, Editor of Wichita Eagle and Legislative Director for Kansas Press was recognized by Chairperson Allen to respond to requests by committees for clarifications on **SB 77**.

Senator Clark moved to table, SB 77 and the motion was seconded by Senator Schmidt, motion carries; Senator Buhler requested to be recorded as a no vote on the motion to table SB 77.

Whitney Damron, acting on behalf of the City of Topeka, distributed clarifications to testimony delivered on February 18, 2003 and amendment recommendations for **SB 167** (Attachment 12).

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Senator Clark moved to amend **SB 167** on line 31 by adding *initial* between *the* and *notice* - to read *the initial notice*; also on line 40 inserting *second* between *give* and *notice* - to read *give second notice*. This motion was seconded by Senator Schmidt.

Senator Clark moved to amend his original motion for the amendment of **SB 167** to include the striking of the term *first class*, throughout the bill and in its place inserting *regular* and to favorably pass **SB 167**; Senator Schmidt seconds the motion and motion carries.

Senator Clark made motion to pass **SB 238** favorably, Senator Buhler seconds the motion and the motion carries for passage of **SB 238**. Senator Jackson requested to be recorded as a NO vote on **SB 238**.

Adjournment

Chairperson Allen announces the next meeting to be on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m..