

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Brown at 1:30 p.m. on January 12, 1994, 1994 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Michael Heim, Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Chris McKenzie, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Barbara Butts, Municipal Accountant Department of  
Administration

Others attending: See Attachment 1.

Chairman Brown welcomed Representative Mills to his first Local Government committee meeting and briefed him on committee procedures.

The Chairman then opened the hearing on **HB 2565**, concerning municipalities; relating to the cash-basis law; amending K.S.A. 10-1101 and repealing the existing section. Chris McKenzie of the League of Kansas Municipalities presented testimony expressing the League's support of the bill and urged its enactment.

Barbara Butts, Municipal Accountant for the Department of Administration, explained the existing cash-basis law. She described the political entities not currently covered by the law and stated major concerns brought forward concerning accountability of those entities most likely caused consideration of **HB 2565**.

No others were present to testify on **HB 2565**; therefore the hearing was closed. The committee reviewed the existing definition of "municipalities," and Mike Heim, Research Department staff, reported that various definitions exist in current statutes. He stated the Interim Committee considered widening the definition to those entities included in the state's Tort Act, but decided on the definition set out in **HB 2565**.

After discussion, on motion of Representative Tomlinson, seconded by Representative Mays, **HB 2565** was unanimously passed out favorably. Representative Tomlinson will carry the bill on the House floor.

Chairman Brown advised that subcommittee assignments will be announced next Wednesday, January 19.

The Chairman recommended that a bill be introduced to establish a separate district for the Blue Valley Recreation Commission. After discussion, on motion of Representative Wootton, seconded by Representative

Toplikar, the committee unanimously approved introduction of the bill.

On motion of Representative Balland, seconded by Representative Packer, the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 1994 were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

## GUEST LIST

**COMMITTEE: House Local Government**

DATE: January 12, 1994

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