

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sharon Schwartz at 3:30 p.m. on January 21, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Delia Garcia, Ranking Minority - Absent
Representative Mario Goico - Excused
Representative Steve Huebert - Excused
Representative Michael Peterson - Absent.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Kristen Kellems, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carol Bertram, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative David Crum, District 77

Others attending:

See attached list.

Previous to the meeting, Committee members were e-mailed the minutes of January 14, 2010, for their review. Chair Schwartz asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Representative Mah moved the minutes of January 14, 2010, Local Government Committee meeting be approved as written, seconded by Representative Otto. The motion passed.

Bill Introductions

Representative David Crum requested the Committee introduce a conceptual bill that would prohibit a township board member from also serving as an employee of the township. It was moved by Representative Otto, seconded by Vice Chair Holmes that the Committee introduce such a bill. The motion carried.

Representative Otto moved the Committee introduce a bill that would amend the Kansas Open Meetings Act relating to the recording of executive sessions. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Holmes. The motion carried.

Representative Otto moved the Committee introduce a bill having to do with illegal immigration issues. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Holmes. The motion carried.

Update on Committee Bills

Chair Schwartz recognized Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department, who presented the Committee with an update on all 2009 bills still in Committee, and all the annexation-issue bills, both 2009 and new 2010 bills. Ms. Dorsey informed the Committee this information was recorded in Vote Tracker, which is a comprehensive legislative tracking service with the most current information on the status of bills (Attachment 1). While giving her in-depth report, Ms. Dorsey answered various questions from the Committee.

Before adjourning, Chair Schwartz informed Committee members they had several items in their folders for their information: 1) Membership List, 2) Information Concerning Conferees, and 3) 2010 Committee Rules.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

