

March 25, 1977

An executive session of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman Robbins at 10:25 AM in Room 437. The secretary called roll; Representatives Colburn, Gould, Halvorson, Roth and South were absent. All other members were present.

SENATE BILL 198: Representative Palmer reported his sub-committee was unable to get together and will report to the committee at the next meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 1977.

SENATE BILL 240: Representative Gunderson reported on her sub-committee recommendations to Senate Bill 240. Representative Gunderson moved for the adoption of the amendments to Senate Bill 240 - exhibit 1. Representative O'Connell said as she recalled on the day this bill was heard there was a discussion on what this bill could do. She had received a statement from Lloyd Linden, Linden Ambulance Service, and read it to the committee which is exhibit 2.

Representative Gerke came in.

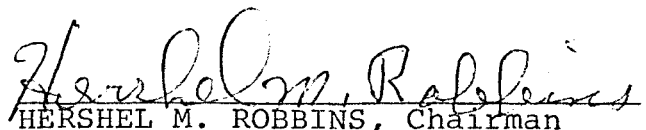
Representative Waldron said this ambulance district will not be used very often. You have to have a real need and strong support when holding an election. Representative Stobie said this bill is designed so that it isn't going to do the things said. It has nothing to do with the private sector and can't see where it conflicts with private service.

Chairman Robbins asked for a show of hands to let him ask a question of Dean Zinnecker and Representative O'Connell to ask a question of Mr. Kinden. There were 8 hands YES and 5 hands NO. O'Connell asked Mr. Linden - would you say what this would do to your service? Mr. Linden - it would cut down the calls. Robbins - Dean could you answer that? Dean - would have to be on countywide basis. Stobie - in no way is he wanting to infringe on private sector. The problem is we will never be able to support an ambulance unless we can do this. Jensen - speaking on the bill, this does not threaten private operators that he can see. Waldron - asked if in amendment 4, that shouldn't be majority. Representative Waldron moved to amend amendment 4 to strike: "51% or more", and insert: "a majority". Question, motion carried. Question on motion to adopt amendments, motion carried. Representative Gerke voted NO. Representative Stobie moved that Senate Bill 240 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Roll call vote was taken: 11 voted YES and 3 voted NO. Motion carried. Those voting NO were: Representatives Gerke, Palmer, and O'Connell. Representative South left a vote of YES for amendments.

SENATE BILL 192: Representative O'Connell reported on her sub-committee recommendations. The sub-committee recommended that the county attorneys amendment not be adopted. Representative O'Connell moved the adoption of the amendments recommended by the sub-committee - exhibit 3. There was discussion by the committee. Gerke - did the committee provide funding? Palmer - what kind of a burden will there be. Stobie - if we don't set a minimum, can see where could be a problem. Gerke - I go with what the wages were in 1976-77 as being the minimum, from there on let them pay more. Ramirez - I know that recently the concept letting local government set salary of other officials has been discussed and that is one conception that met objection. The committee will take each set of amendments separately. Representative O'Connell moved for 5% and 5% increase. Roll call vote was taken: 6 voted YES and 8 voted NO. Motion failed. Those voting YES were: Representatives Gunderson, Pistoria, Ramirez, Stobie, Vinger, and O'Connell. Representative South voted NO. Representative Gerke made a motion to strike the 2½% and 2½% and let salary be set at local level. Roll call vote was taken: 7 voted YES and 7 voted NO. Representative South was NO. Representative O'Connell moved to reconsider the committees action on 5% and 5%. During discussion, it was questioned if county commissioners could raise their own salary and it was thought they couldn't. Waldron - we can change amendment 12 to handle that problem. Question on motion to reconsider, roll call vote was taken: 8 voted YES and 6 voted NO. Motion carried. Representative O'Connell moved that 5% and 5% DO PASS. Roll call vote was taken: 8 voted YES and 6 voted NO. Representatives Gerke, Hurwitz, Palmer South, Waldron and Robbins voted NO. Chairman Robbins left and Representative O'Connell assumed the chair. Representative Pistoria moved to adopt amendment 11. Representative Palmer made a substitute motion that county attorneys get 5% and 5% by amending on page 4, section 1, line 24, following: "~~(\$25,000)~~" strike: \$30,000, insert: "\$27,500". Question, roll call vote was taken: 10 voted YES and 3 voted NO. Motion carried. Representative Palmer made a motion that Senate Bill 192 DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED. Representative Stobie made a substitute motion that Senate Bill 192 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Roll call vote was taken: 8 voted YES and 5 voted NO. Motion carried. Representatives Gerke, Palmer, South, Waldron and Robbins voted NO.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,


HERSHEL M. ROBBINS, Chairman