

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 14, 1979

The meeting had been set for 5:00 pm or on adjournment for purpose of taking executive action. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Hershel Robbins upon adjournment of the House of Representatives. The secretary called roll and found a quorum of committee members present, ten members present, others were excused for other meetings.

HOUSE BILL 392: Rep. McBride stated this would clarify the relationship between city-county governments and fire districts. It was then moved by Rep. McBride to amend the bill on page 1, line 20 and 22 to include "consolidated local governments, as well as on line 12. Vote was called and all present voted "aye". Rep. Vinger entered his vote as yes. Motion carried. Rep. McBride then moved to pass as amended on HB 392, vote was called and all present voted "aye" and votes left were read. Motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 399: It was noted this bill would put the coroners under the same salary range on July 1 as other positions. It was then moved by Rep. Donaldson that HB 399 do pass, vote was called and all voted "aye" and motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 439: There was no discussion on this bill allowing dispensing with a primary in areas under 10,000. It was then moved by Rep. Reichert that HB 439 do pass. Vote was called and all present voted "aye", with votes left with committee being read, and Rep. McBride abstaining. Motion carried that HB 439 do pass.

HOUSE BILL 488: This bill would allow interest on fire accounts to be credited to the departments. There was no further discussion and it was moved by Rep. Kemmis that HB 488 do pass. Vote was called, with votes of those absent being read, motion carried with all present voting "aye".

HOUSE BILL 535: It was moved by Rep. Donaldson that this bill be passed for the day and considered later.

HOUSE BILL 559: Rep. Pistoria moved that HB 559 do pass. Rep. Donaldson then stated he didn't like the idea of an automatic fee going to a private association and felt the dues should be paid through the county commission and not automatic. Rep. Oberg stated the bill doesn't show what the dues are and perhaps this should be clarified. There was a short discussion of possible amendment to this fact.

HB 559 (cont.)

Other members felt there should be local control and that the school boards pay from their funds to the school association and this could be the same. The motion of Rep. Pistoria was then withdrawn and the bill was passed for the day.

HOUSE BILL 467: This bill would increase the amount raised by taxes to control fire activities. It was then moved by Rep. Bertelsen that HB 467 do pass, second by McBride. It was then stated this was Rep. Hurwitz bill and he was not present and perhaps it should be held. The motion was then withdrawn and the bill was passed for the day.

HOUSE BILL 387 and 565 were also held for the day at request of members.

HOUSE BILL 554: This bill dealt with alternative energy districts. It was moved by Rep. Kessler that HB 554 do pass. Rep. Pistoria objected, stating a small community facility would be out of power more than they would have it to provide, and felt they weren't ready to handle this as yet. Rep. McBride called question, vote was called and the motion carried with vote of those present 6 to 4. Rep. Gould, Bertelsen, Pistoria and Donaldson voting "no". HB 554 was given do pass.

HOUSE BILL 610: Rep. McBride stated someone had wondered why HB 610 did not include \$12.00 per day for section 2. It was stated that coroners inquests do not last long and this would be overpayment. There was further discussion that the average wage is \$25 per day. Rep. Gould inquired if this could be amended to say the minimum wage and it would not have to come back each session. Rep. Kessler suggested amending the \$12.00 up to three or four hours and to make it \$24 after that period of time. It was then moved by Rep. Azzara that the bill be passed for the day and vote carried.

HOUSE BILL 612: This bill related to counties bidding purchases. Rep. Donaldson moved do not pass. Rep. Kessler then moved to table. Vote was called and all voted "aye" that HB 612 be tabled.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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