

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
January 6, 1981 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bertelsen. All members were present except Rep. Dussault who was excused.

The purpose of the meeting was for orientation, introductions and organization.

Committee members introduced him/herself and gave a brief resume of their background.

Chairman Bertelsen reminded members that HB 28 will be heard on Thursday, January 8, 12:30 p.m. and asked committee members to read the bill prior to the meeting to facilitate handling. The person carrying the bill will speak first. Proponents speak next and then the opponents. Discussion and questions will follow. Proponents will close. The question period gives committee members a chance to dig into the bill, get communication going and save problems later on. Questions must be on the matter at hand. There could be times when we have many items on the agenda and then it would be necessary to have an executive session the next day. Executive sessions are strictly for committee members.

BILLS NEEDING SPONSORS: Chairman Bertelsen said he has two bills which are in need of sponsors.

The first pertains to funding driver's education. The second concerns payment for crime victim compensation. The Chairman asked for volunteers to sponsor the bills.

Rep. Bertelsen mentioned that bills submitted to the committee so far are in their committee books, and to please read all bills carefully before hearings.

VOTING: If a committee member is excused and cannot be present to vote, he may submit a proxy vote to the Chairman, providing the bill is a straight DO or DO NOT PASS. However, if the bill is amended, he may not vote by proxy.

The Chairman mentioned that he does expect everyone to be present at all meetings and be on time.

VOTING ON BILLS: After voting on a bill, either DO or DO NOT PASS, we will hold the bill for another 24 hours before submitting it, giving us another 24 hours if we do run into a problem, except when time constraints do not permit.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at
2:30 p.m.

Verner L. Bertelsen
Verner Bertelsen, Chairman
Local Government Committee

Helen Misowic
Helen Misowic, Secretary

Russ Josephson, Legal Researcher, will be performing the following functions in support of the House Public Health Committee:

- 1) review proposed legislation and advise the committee as to constitutionality, internal consistency, possibility of conflict with or duplication of existing provisions, and compliance with other bill-drafting provisions such as grammar, punctuation, word choice and statutory sentence structure;
- 2) research other states' laws pertaining to a given bill upon request of a committee member;
- 3) assist the committee or individual member in obtaining data or any pertinent information from governmental entities pertaining to bills under deliberation;
- 4) draft proposed amendments upon request of individual committee members prior to committee action on a given bill;
- 5) review all amendments adopted by the committee with the same bill-drafting guidelines applied to the original bill--with the Chairman's authorization to make necessary changes in grammar, punctuation, word choice, and sentence structure, not affecting meaning, that may be detected between committee adoption and delivery of the Standing Committee Report, subject to review by the Chairman before signing the report;
- 6) draft proposed amendments to be moved on Second Reading upon request of any committee member;
- 7) review rough drafts of committee minutes to assist the secretary in accurately reflecting the deliberations of the committee;
- 8) draft Statements of Legislative Intent or obtain drafts from state agencies when directed by the committee;
- 9) draft committee bills when requested by the committee;
- 10) attend subcommittee meetings when assigned by the Chairman to perform the appropriate functions listed above; and
- 11) attend conference committee or free conference committee deliberations as invited to perform the appropriate functions listed above.