

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2085**, as amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, following line 5, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 65-163i is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-163i. (a) Municipalities ~~which~~ that desire the provision of a loan under this act shall submit an application therefor to the secretary. Applications shall be in such form and shall include such information as the secretary shall require and shall be submitted in a manner and at a time to be determined by the secretary.

(b) The secretary may enter into agreements with any municipality for the provision of a loan thereto for payment of all or a part of project costs and any municipality may enter into such an agreement and may accept such loan when so authorized by the municipal governing body. The purposes of the loan to be provided, the amount thereof, the interest rate thereon and the repayment terms and conditions thereof, all of which may vary among municipalities, shall be included in the agreements. Loans shall be provided at or below market interest rates. All such agreements with municipalities shall require that municipalities establish a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of the loans as provided in K.S.A. 65-163j, and amendments thereto. Such agreements shall further provide that repayment of any loan received shall begin not later than one year after completion of the project and that such loan shall be repaid in full no later than ~~20~~ 40 years thereafter.

(c) If a municipality to which a loan is made available under this act fails to enter into an agreement with the secretary for the provision of such loan in accordance with the

requirements of this act, the secretary may make the amount of the loan available for one or more other projects on the priority list.

(d) The secretary shall provide any municipality, upon request, with technical advice and assistance regarding a project or an application for a loan for the payment of all or part of project costs.";

On page 2, in line 9, before "K.S.A" by inserting "K.S.A. 65-163i and"; also in line 9, by striking "is" and inserting "are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "concerning"; in line 2, by striking all before the second semicolon and inserting "water; relating to public water supply systems; municipal loans; reinstatement of rural water district benefit units"; also in line 2, after "amending" by inserting "K.S.A. 65-163i and"; in line 3, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson