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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Stephen Cloud
Chairperson

9:10 a.m. ~~pm~~ on Tuesday, January 11, 1983 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representatives Wanda Fuller, Clarence Love, and David Louis

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Julian Eford, Legislative Research Department
Linda Walker, Legislative Research Department Intern
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Jackie Breymeyer, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Glenn Deck, Division of Post Audit

Chairman Cloud welcomed members to the Committee and introduced the Staff, the Vice Chairman, and ranking minority member. He gave an overview of the work outlined for the Committee in regard to the Sunset Audit Reports. He requested members to review materials before meetings to expedite briefings by Staff. He urged members to be on time.

Two memorandums from the Legislative Research Department dated December 17 and 22, 1982, were distributed to members. The Chairman pointed out they give background information on the Kansas Sunset Law and summarize which agencies will be subject to review by the Committee: a possible review of the phase-down activities of the Kansas Energy Office and the Energy Advisory Council; reviews of the Board of Healing Arts (no audit available), the Board of Nursing, the Divisions of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Taxation, Dealer Licensing and Titles, and Driver Registration of the Department of Revenue, the Department of Transportation Highway Fund and Freeway Fund, and in the State Corporation Commission, Mined Land and Reclamation Board, Motor Carriers Division, Office of the Securities Commissioner, all of which have been reviewed but not acted upon, and Utilities Division.

Copies of the Post Audit Reports regarding the ABC Division and the Public Utility Regulatory Program were distributed to members for their review prior to Committee meetings on these subjects on January 12 and 13. The Chairman called particular attention to the summaries of matters for legislative action, graphs, boxed items, and the response of the agencies to the Post Audit Reports.

The Chairman said the Committee would meet all together until members are familiar with the audits after which he hoped to divide the Committee into three subcommittees, one for the Department of Transportation which will also consider the Board of Healing Arts and the Board of Nursing; one for the State Corporation Commission's Divisions, and one for the Department of Revenue's Divisions. Members will be given a choice of subcommittees which will be implemented if possible. The subcommittees will hold hearings and write reports for the full Committee to act on with a simple majority ruling on votes. The Chairman noted that individuals and groups can introduce legislation to cover situations where the Committee failed to act on matters they feel are important.

In considering Sunset reviews, the Chairman stated the Committee can recommend reinstatement of the agency, take no action at all, or recommend extension of the agency with modifications. A change in regulations may be all that is needed. The Committee is not limited to recommendations of the Post Audit Report.

Glenn Deck, representing the Division of Post Audit, explained the work of this Division and how the Sunset process works, pointing out the Post Audit is just a small part of it, and the legislature makes the decisions. The Post Audit Division is allowed discretion in selecting the scope of audits,

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and its conclusions are based on the evidence. The burden of proof is on the agency to demonstrate the need for its continued existence.

Mr. Deck said the Post Audit Division can still do an audit on the Board of Healing Arts if needed by the Committee. He furnished copies of the Biennial Report of the Legislative Post Audit Committee and the Legislative Division of Post Audit to members.

HB 2013 - An act concerning the expiration of the Kansas health planning and development act.

The Chairman called attention to HB 2013 which is the result of an interim committee study and will be considered by the Committee. He urged members to review the Interim Report on Proposal No. 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.