

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Federal & State Affairs

The meeting was called to order by Representative Robert H. Miller at  
Chairperson

1:30 a.m./p.m. on January 12, 1984 in room 526S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Hensley (E)

Committee staff present:

Russ Mills, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statute's Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Meredith Williams, Acting Director of Legislative Post Audit

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller. He announced that an agenda would be distributed each Wednesday for the following week and that bills of non-controversial matter might be added throughout the week and revised agendas distributed.

Representative Aylward made a motion, seconded by Representative Ott, that the minutes of the January 11 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

HB2664 - Legislative Post Audit Act

Meredith Williams, Acting Director of Legislative Post Audit, gave testimony in support of HB2664. He explained that a good portion of this bill is cleanup.

Sec. 2 refers to the term for the Post Auditor and would eliminate the four year term. This section also clearly expresses the qualifications of the post auditor.

Sec. 4 provides that post audit will distribute all audit reports and provides that a firm performing a financial-compliance audit have access to books, accounts, records, etc. with the same confidentiality as the Post Audit Committee.

Sec. 7 changes the name of the Federal Audit Committee to the Contract Audit Committee which consists of 5 members - (1) Chairman of Legislative Post Audit; (2) Vice-Chairman of Legislative Post Audit; (3) a member of the Legislative Post Audit Committee; (4) the post auditor; and (5) the Secretary of Administration. This will provide continuity, legislative representation and adds minority representation.

New Sec. 8 transfers authority from the Audit Committee to the Contract Committee.

Sec. 9 refers to reimbursement procedures and Sec. 11 refers to the selection of firms, specifications and the bidding set up used.

There was discussion on qualifications and bidding practice of firms. The committee is not bound to take the firm with the lowest bid, but takes into consideration office qualifications, staff qualifications and fee.

Hearings were closed on HB2664.

Chairman Miller announced that this bill would be scheduled for vote on Monday. The reason that this bill takes effect on publication in the Kansas Register is two-fold: 1. Changing the Federal Audit Committee to Contract Audit Committee before the start of the 1985 cycle of bids; and 2. the changing of the term of the post auditor. Mr. Williams is acting director and the committee did not want to fill this vacancy until after

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this legislation was taken care of.

The Chairman reminded the committee that on Monday they would be voting on hold over bills and if anyone has an interest in bringing up a bill for vote to let him know before the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.