

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Representative Richard L. Harper at
Chairperson

9:00 am a.m./p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 19 86 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Helgerson, Excused; Rep. Johnson, Excused;
and Rep. Justice, Excused.

Committee staff present: Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Mary Hack, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State's Office
Nancy Spillman, Secretary of State's Office
Dottie Musselman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jim Edwards, Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association
Nancy Spillman, Secretary of State's Office

Chairperson Harper called the meeting to order.

SB 464 - An Act concerning elections; relating to contributions by certain corporations and stockholders, was the first order of business for hearing. At this time Jim Edwards, K.C.C.I., was recognized and gave a briefing of the purpose of SB 464 to the committee. Mr. Edwards appeared before the committee in support of this bill, and told them that this bill is an effort to clear up one small problem in the Kansas statutes. K.C.C.I. believes that as long as all corporations can give campaign contributions, they should also be in the position to be solicited. He urged the committee to pass this issue with a unanimous vote and with no amendments. (Attachment 1).

Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association, was next to appear before the committee in support of SB 464.

As there were no questions, the hearing was closed on SB 464.

SB 465 - An Act concerning elections; relating to petition documents, was next on the agenda for hearing. Nancy Spillman, from the Sec. of State's Office was recognized and she gave a short explanation of this bill. This bill provides that circulators of petitions shall be registered to vote, and this Senate bill was recommended by the Secretary of State's Office to clarify the petition process. Currently circulators of petitions do not have to be registered to vote although they must be a resident of the political or taxing subdivision in which the election is to be held.

Representative Runnels made a motion to pass SB 465 out of committee, and that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Representative Crumbaker. Motion carried.

SB 466 - An Act concerning elections; relating to ballot forms, was now up for hearing. Nancy Spillman gave the committee a briefing of this bill, and a proposed amendment to SB 466 was passed to the committee members. (Attachment 2). Following discussion, the hearing was closed on SB 466.

Representative Wilbert moved to pass out of committee SB 464, favorably. This motion was seconded by Representative Runnels. Motion carried.

Representative Foster made a motion to accept and adopt the proposed amendment to SB 466. Seconded by Representative Knopp. Motion carried.

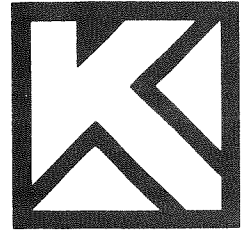
A motion made by Representative Crumbaker to pass SB 466 out of committee, as amended, was now withdrawn due to a request from Representative Baker that the Secretary of State's Office provide the committee with information on counties not in favor of the proposal.

Representative Guldner moved to accept the minutes of the February 18th meeting. Seconded by Representative Kline. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

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A consolidation of the
Kansas State Chamber
of Commerce,
Associated Industries
of Kansas,
Kansas Retail Council

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KANSAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Testimony Before the
House Elections Committee

by

Jim Edwards
Director of Public Affairs

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I am Jim Edwards, Director of Public Affairs for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry and I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today in support of SB 464.

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion of economic growth and job creation within Kansas, and to the protection and support of the private competitive enterprise system.

KCCI is comprised of more than 3,000 businesses which includes 200 local and regional chambers of commerce and trade organizations which represent over 161,000 business men and women. The organization represents both large and small employers in Kansas, with 55% of KCCI's members having less than 25 employees, and 86% having less than 100 employees. KCCI receives no government funding.

The KCCI Board of Directors establishes policies through the work of hundreds of the organization's members who make up its various committees. These policies are the guiding principles of the organization and translate into views such as those expressed here.

Last year, the legislature made changes in KSA 25-1709 to allow all corporations to make campaign contributions. We supported this move in that it would allow all

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corporations to make campaign contributions while having them adhere to the rules and regulations of the Campaign Finance Act.

We appear before you today in an effort to clear up one small problem in the statute. We believe that as long as all corporations can give campaign contributions, they should also be in the position to be solicited. We urge you to pass this issue from committee with a unanimous vote and with no amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

Proposed Amendment to Senate Bill No. 466

Be amended:

On page 2, by striking all in line 61 and inserting a new section as follows:

"Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1985 Supp. 25-613 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-613. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the name of each candidate shall be printed on the ballot only once and no name that is printed on the ballot shall be written elsewhere on the ballot. If a person is a candidate for the unexpired term for an office such person's name may be printed on the same ballot as a candidate of the same political party for the next regular term for such office. Also, a person may be an independent candidate for the unexpired term for an office and an independent candidate for the next regular term for such office, and the person's name may be printed for both candidacies on the same official general ballot. To the name of each candidate for a state, county or township office shall be added the name of the city in which the candidate resides. To the names of pairs of candidates running for governor and lieutenant governor shall be added the name of the city in which or near which each resides. To the name of each candidate for any national, state, county or township offices shall be added the person's political party or political designation in accordance with the nomination papers of the person.

"Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-618 and K.S.A. 1985 Supp. 25-613 are hereby repealed.";

By renumbering section 3 as section 4;

In the title, in line 18, by striking all following "and" and inserting "K.S.A. 1985 Supp. 25-613 and repealing the existing sections.";

(attachment 2)