

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gordon at  
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 19 86 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~:

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson - Legislative Research Department  
Ramon Powers - Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan - Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jim Edwards, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Nancy Spillman, Secretary of States' Office

The minutes of January 23, 1986, were approved by motion of Senator Norvell and second by Senator Martin.

Senate Bill 464 - This bill was introduced by the Committee on Elections at the request of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry to clarify the procedure for solicitation of contributions by the corporations listed in K.S.A. 25-1709 Supp. Jim Edwards, KCCI, appeared before the committee in support of the bill. His testimony is herewith attached. (Attachment #1).

Senator Walker moved to recommend SB 464 favorably for passage. Senator Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senate Bill 465. The bill was requested by the Secretary of States' office and concerns petition documents. It requires that the circulator of petitions is a registered elector of the state of Kansas. Nancy Spillman of the Secretary of States' office pointed out that this will be consistent with other petition statutes.

Senator Martin moved and Senator Norvell seconded the motion that the bill be recommended favorably for passage to the Senate. Motion carried.

Senator Bill 466. SB 466 was requested by the Secretary of States' office and relates to ballot forms. Nancy Spillman pointed out that the county officers asked to have language clarified in K.S.A. 25-618. If this bill is passed the language in question would allow the city residence of a candidate to be listed next to the candidate's name on the county ballot. The city residence of state and national candidates is currently required to be listed on the state and national ballots.

Senator Johnson moved and Senator Norvell seconded the motion that SB 466 be recommended favorably for passage. Motion carried.

Senator Walker moved to have SB 465 and SB 466 placed on the Consent Calendar of the Senate. Senator Reilly seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Johnson moved to have SB 464 placed on General Orders of the Senate Calendar for consideration by the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried and it was so order.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,  
 room 522-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~a.m.~~ p.m. on January 29, 1986.

The committee turned its attention to the consideration of holdover bills from the previous year.

Senate Bill 137 - The bill relates to the filing and signing of certain reports and statements. It provides that every campaign treasurer other than statewide offices files a report with the county election officer rather than with the secretary of states' office. Hearing on this bill by the Senate Elections Committee were held February 13 of last year and at that time the bill was tabled. No action on the bill was taken at this time.

House Bill 2192 - The bill was passed by the House of Representatives and hearings were held by the Senate Committee on March 28. The bill was recommended favorably but was re-referred to the Committee on Elections. It provides that at any voting place inaccessible to disabled voters at the main entrance which is accessible at some other entrance, signs directing voters to such other entrance shall be prominently displayed; also that a disabled voter may request such person's ballot be brought to the entrance to such voting place. No action was taken at this time.

Senate Bill 220 - This bill concerns presidential preference primary elections and was sponsored by Senator Johnston. Hearings were held on March 6 of last year and the bill was recommended favorably by the committee. It was then re-referred to the Senate Elections Committee for further study. No action on the bill was taken at this time.

SCR 1617 was introduced at the request of the Secretary of States' office. The KCCI appeared at the hearings held by the Senate Elections Committee in opposition to the Resolution. SCR 1617 is a proposition relating to amendment of the constitution by propositions initiated by qualified electors of the state and was recommended favorably to the Senate for adoption. However, it was re-referred to the Senate Committee on Elections by action of the Committee of the Whole. At the request of Senator Reilly the committee chairman scheduled a hearing on the initiative proposal and the hearing was set for Wednesday, February 5 at the regular meeting time.

House Bill 2486 - The bill passed the House of Representatives and was considered in the Senate Elections Committee but no action was taken by the Senate Committee. It concerns disorderly election conduct. However, the House of Representatives amended the contents of this bill into SB 272 late in the session of last year. Subparagraphs (1) Solicitation of opinions; and (3) inquiries concerning voting were not amended into SB 272, so therefore the committee agreed there was no point in pursuing the bill any further.

Senator Hoferer moved and Senator Johnston seconded the motion that HB 2486 be not passed. Motion carried.

House Bill 2534 - The committee considered this bill last year and held hearings but took no action. It relates to the election and terms of members of governing bodies.

House Bill 2535 - The bill relates to elections and concerns the presidential preference primary. The committee held hearings on the bill last year and amended it and then recommended it favorably for passage on March 28 of last year. On Committee of the Whole the bill was re-referred to the Senate Committee on Elections for further study. No action was taken at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

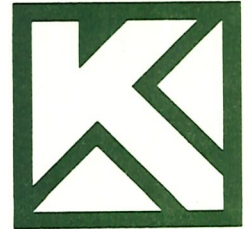
Attachments - No. 1 - Testimony by Jim Edwards, KCCI  
 No. 2 - Guest List  
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# LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

## Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry



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

Attachment #1

SB 464

January 29, 1986

### KANSAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Testimony Before the  
Senate 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, this body 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.

*Attachment 1*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Elections

Recommends that Senate Bill No. 464

"AN ACT concerning elections; relating to contributions by certain corporations and stockholders; amending K.S.A. 1985 Supp. 25-1709 and repealing the existing section."

Be passed.

Chairperson

*Gordon*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Elections

Recommends that Senate Bill No. 465

"AN ACT concerning elections; relating to petition documents; amending K.S.A. 1985 Supp. 25-3602 and repealing the existing section."

Be passed and placed on the consent calendar.

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Chairperson

*Gordon*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Elections

Recommends that Senate Bill No. 466

"AN ACT concerning elections; relating to ballot forms; amending  
K.S.A. 25-618 and repealing the existing section."

Be passed and placed on the consent calendar.

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Chairperson



REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Elections

Recommends that House Bill No. 2486 (As Amended by House Committee)

"AN ACT relating to elections; concerning disorderly election conduct; amending K.S.A. 25-2413 and repealing the existing section."

Be not passed.

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Chairperson