

Approved March 19, 1986
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gordon at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on March 5, 19 86 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Reilly (excused)

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor's Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Nancy Spillman, Secretary of State's Office
Carol Williams, Kansas Public Disclosure Office

The minutes of February 26 were approved by motion of Senator Strict and Senator Martin.

Senate Bill 673. The Chairman called on Myrta Anderson to explain the bill. In reviewing the bill, Ms. Anderson said the bill relates to contributions by nationally recognized political parties. The provisions of the act are not applicable to any political party having a national organization; a bona fide corporation organized under the laws of another state or a union, if the contribution is made from union funds. Carol Williams said she was not speaking for the bill as the Kansas Public Disclosure Act had no position as to this particular legislation, but she would be happy to answer any questions that any members of the committee might have. It was pointed out that all this bill does is that it does not require candidates to file a verified statement as was previously required on any contribution received.

Senator Hoferer moved to recommend Senate Bill 673 favorably for passage. Senator Norvell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senate Bill 698. Myrta Anderson from the Research Department in explaining the bill said any qualified elector who is living outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia may apply for an absentee ballot to vote for all offices being contested at a regular election. This application is to be made upon a form prescribed by the secretary of state or on the federal postcard application form.

Nancy Spillman from the Secretary of State's office testified on how it affects their office and stated their office is doing what is necessary to allow for absentee ballots. Ms. Spillman suggested the committee should do an in-depth study on this piece of legislation and might want to consider the matter further at the next legislative session.

Senator Strict made the motion to table SB 698. Senator Martin seconded the motion. Senator Hoferer made a substitute motion to strike all of Section 1, subparagraph (g) and the entire Sec. 2, which includes lines 127 through 163; also, by striking in Section 1, the entire subparagraph (8), which includes lines 64 through 66. Senator Norvell seconded the substitute motion and the substitute motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Elections,
room 522-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~xx~~/p.m. on March 5, 1986.

Senate Bill 602. The committee had hearings February 19 on this bill which limits contributions made by political parties committees. The committee discussed the bill considerably. It was pointed out that it would limit to 50% the amount of campaign funds a state candidate could accept from political action committees, and that it would eliminate the chance that political action committees could control the entire cost of a campaign.

Senator Martin moved to recommend the Senate Bill 602 favorably for passage. Senator Johnson seconded the motion. Senator Strict made a substitute motion to table the bill. Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion. Division was called for and on a show of hands the vote was four "yeas" and three against to table the bill. The substitute motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

