

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gordon at
Chairperson

1:00 ~~am~~/p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 1986 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senators Norvell and Strict who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes office
Phil Lowe, Secretary to Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Janet Williams, Kansas Public Disclosure Commission

The minutes of March 19 were approved by motion of Senator Martin and second by Senator Reilly.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering SB 761 and also HB 2746 which had just been referred to the Committee.

Senate Bill 761 - Myrta Anderson of the Legislative Research Department reviewed the bill and stated that SB 761 amends K.S.A. 25-4119a and repeals the existing section and also repeals section 49 of chapter 171 of the 1981 Session Laws. The bill provides for the Kansas sunset law to apply to the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission and to the office of Executive Director of the Commission on July 1, 1992. The bill was requested to sunset the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission and the office of Executive Director on July 1, 1992.

Senator Johnston moved and Senator Martin seconded the motion that SB 761 be recommended favorably for passage. Motion carried.

House Bill 2746 - House Bill 2746 relates to state officers and employees and candidates for state offices concerning conflicts of interest requiring the disclosure and filing of statements of substantial interests. Janet Williams, from the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission, explained the bill. She said that House Bill 2746 was recommended by the Public Disclosures Commission to clarify the procedure relating to conflicts of interest for state officers and employees and candidates for state office. She also stated that if an individual or an individual's spouse has received during the preceding calendar year compensation which is or will be required to be included as taxable income on federal income tax returns the individual has a substantial interest in that business. She explained that the wording special interest in the current law was taken out and changed to gifts and honoraria. The Commission, she said, would like to have the definition of special interest changed to gifts and honoraria.

Senator Johnston made a conceptual motion to accept gifts or honoraria having an aggregate of \$500 or more to not be limited to a spouse or parent, but to include relatives, and he further explained that relatives in this case should be twice removed. Senator Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried. No other action was taken on the bill.

Senator Reilly moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.