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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Calendar and Printing

The meeting was called to order by Joe Knopp at \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

6:00 ~~xx~~ a.m./p.m. on April 9, 1987 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman Knopp called the meeting to order. SB 112 was the only item on the agenda. This bill repeals the existing prevailing wage law.

A brief discussion was held among members of the committee. The motion was made by Speaker Braden and seconded by Representative Moomaw to report SB 112 favorable for passage. Motion carried 4 to 3. Meeting was adjourned.

SESSION OF 1987

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 112

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Labor and Industry

Brief of Bill\*

S.B. 112 repeals the prevailing wage law contained in K.S.A. 44-201 et seq. These statutes, enacted in 1981, require contractors and subcontractors for state and municipal contracts to pay their workers prevailing wage rates. In addition, the statutes established an eight hour work day for employees on these projects.

Background

The prevailing wage law was originally intended to protect jobs for Kansans from foreign workers who would work long hours at a set daily wage. Arguments in favor of the bill point out that the original intent is a thing of the past and no longer useful and that the confusing computations involved in determining a local prevailing wage result in inequities. Arguments in opposition to the bill state that the law was enacted and is necessary to benefit workers by setting a standard for payment of wages on government contracts.

Proponents of the bill included the following organizations: Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Kansas Associated Builders and Contractors, Kansas Association of Builders and Contractors, Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry,

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\* Bill briefs are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent.

Kansas Consulting Engineers, Kansas Contractors Association, and the League of Kansas Municipalities.

Opponents of the bill included the Mechanical Contractors Association of Kansas, the Heavy Constructors Association, and the firm of Blake and Uhlig in Kansas City.

## SENATE BILL No. 112

By Joint Committee on State Building Construction

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0017 AN ACT repealing K.S.A. 44-201, 44-202, 44-203, 44-204 and  
0018 44-205, relating to rate of wage payment and length of work-  
0019 day on public work.

0020 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

0021 Section 1. K.S.A. 44-201, 44-202, 44-203, 44-204 and 44-205  
0022 are hereby repealed.

0023 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and  
0024 after its publication in the statute book.