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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL APPORTIONMENT

The meeting was called to order by Representative Ed Bideau at  
Chairperson

11:30 a.m. ~~XX~~ on February 17, 1987 in room 313 of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Knopp - excused.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Research  
Arden Ensley, Revisors  
Robert Coldsnow, Legislative Counsel  
Kay Coen, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Marvin Postma, Regional Director, Bureau of the Census  
U. S. Department of Commerce

John Kelco, Program Coordinator, Bureau of the Census  
U. S. Department of Commerce

Chairman Bideau introduced Marvin Postma, Regional Director, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, to give testimony to the committee.

Mr. Postma stated that a special project team could conduct a special census for the entire State of Kansas if requested to do so. However, he pointed out that it was very late in the decade to do a special census and that the Census Bureau was in the middle of preparations for the 1990 Federal census.

To conduct a special Kansas Census, the U.S. Census Bureau would require a written request. The request would need to be in by March 1, 1987, and a signed contract by April 1, 1987. The state would be responsible for providing certified maps with certified boundaries for all local government units, office space, telephones and other equipment and supplies necessary. Candidates to fill the job would be provided by the state also. (approximately 2,900). Office space, telephone, support equipment and supplies would need to be provided at additional state expense for a staff of 2,900 census workers. The state would also be responsible for recruiting expense of approximately 10,000 candidates to be interviewed for these positions.

Mr. John Kelco, Program Coordinator, with the Bureau of Census was then introduced by Mr. Postma. He reviewed a number of procedures for taking the census. The bureau would make initial inquiry and publicize the event. They would next train crew leaders and supervisory staff prior to engaging full census staff. When asked for a cost figure by the committee, he gave the committee a cost estimate of 5.5 million dollars for the Federal services, in addition to the state expense of providing office equipment and support space to the 2,900 workers and the expense of recruiting the applicants for these positions to do the census.

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The special census would be conducted in the fall of 1987 and data would be available from it early in 1988. This time frame is required due to the Federal timetable on the 1990 census. Mr. Kelco also stated that the Census Bureau can conduct a special census on a much more limited basis, for one county or group of counties on a much more flexible timetable, since this would involve much less effort, scope and coverage. In order to handle the entire state, this type of time frame is required.

Mr. Postma was questioned concerning the need for the time deadlines recited in order to conduct a special census and he responded that this would be necessary in order to honor their commitment to prepare properly for the 1990 census and the field work which they already have in process at this time.

Following discussion by the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.