

Approved 2-25-87
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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gordon at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on February 19, 1987 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Reilly who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statute's Office
Phil Lowe, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Carol Williams, Kansas Public Disclosure Commission
Earl Nehring, Common Cause/ Kansas

SB 157. Myrta Anderson reviewed the bill and said that the Commission under this act will investigate alleged violations and is authorized to issue subpoenas and if any person subpoenaed to appear and give testimony refuses to answer any proper question may be cited for contempt.

Senator Vidricksen said he introduced SB 157 at the request of the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission and relates to complaints of violations concerning the campaign finance act. Senator Vidricksen stated that the present laws of the Public Disclosure Commission needed to be strengthened and that is the reason for this bill and also SB 252 which is a companion bill.

Carol Williams speaking for the Public Disclosure Commission said they requested the bill because there was a need to get information when they have investigations going and under the current law it is impossible for them to do so. It is important for them to get subpoena power at the appropriate time.

Committee discussion followed and it was suggested that the Revisor draw up an amendment which would give the Commission the right to go to a judge of the court who would then issue a subpoena.

Earl Nehring, Common Cause for Kansas, endorsed the bill with or without the amendment as suggested. He said it was very important that we have a Public Disclosure Commission and to give them the power to do a good job.

The discussion and hearing on SB 252 is to be continued next Wednesday, February 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Guest list appears as (Attachment 1).

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: Senate Elections

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NAME	ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION
Jana Atchison	Topeka	KPOC
Marty Kennedy	Topeka	Budget
Earl Nehring	Lawrence	Common Sense/Kansas
Eva Jasso-Mirad	Newton	KSNA
Lee Ann Smith	Lawrence	Intern
M. Hoover	Topeka	Cap-Juni