

Approved Thomas F. Walker
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS F. WALKER at
Chairperson

9:00 a.m. ~~p.m.~~ on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1989 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative David Miller

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman - Revisor
Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research
Jackie Brey Meyer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ramon Powers - Secretary/Executive Director of the Kansas State Historical Society

Representative Walker called the meeting to order. The minutes will stand approved if there are no corrections or additions at the end of the meeting. The Chairman said that Duane Johnson, State Librarian, will be present Thursday to clarify a few points regarding House Bill 2017. He also stated that beginning next week, subcommittees will meet two days per week and the full committee will meet two days per week. Chairman Walker called on Representative Brown.

Representative Brown told the committee that she would like to introduce legislation concerning the Board of Polygraphy. After several comments, Representative Bowden moved to introduce this legislation. Representative Weimer gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2048 - concerning the State Historical Society; providing for the position of assistant secretary thereof to be within the unclassified service under the Kansas Civil Service Act.

Ramon Powers, Secretary/Executive Director of the Kansas State Historical Society, appeared in support of the bill. He read from his testimony that the Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society is the only employee in the unclassified service. All others are in the classified service. Since the Secretary and Assistant Secretary must work as a team, the Assistant Secretary should be a person of the Secretary's own choosing. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Powers explained classified/unclassified positions in the colleges and in the state system. He would like to see the bill amended so it would be effective as of the date of publication in the State Register.

In addition to the State Historical Society, there is the building at 10th and Jackson, and nineteen historical sites across the state. The starting salary for the position of Assistant Secretary is \$37,608. Most employees are on the state payroll, but there are a few contract employees. Representative Graeber moved the amendment to the bill. Representative Gjerstad gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Sughrue moved that HB 2048 be passed favorably as amended. Representative Brown gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 25, 1989

I am Ramon Powers, Secretary/Executive Director of the Kansas State Historical Society. I appear in support of H.B. 2048 which would unclassify the position of Assistant Secretary of the Society.

At the present time the secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society is the only employee of the Society in the unclassified service. All others, including the Assistant Secretary, are in the classified service. The Assistant Secretary must be a person in tune with the philosophy and goals that the Secretary has established for the Society and must be committed to the implementation of those goals. Since the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary must function as a team, the Assistant Secretary should be a person of the Secretary's choosing. The agency proposes amendments to K.S.A. 75-2935a, K.S.A. 75-3148, and K.S.A. Supp. 75-2935 that would place the Assistant Secretary in the unclassified service.

*G.O. Comm.
Attach. #1
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