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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Senator Don Sallee at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~XX~~/p.m. on February 14, 1989, 19 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson, Research Department
Fred Carman, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Elizabeth Handke, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Michael Woolf, Common Cause

Others attending: see attached list (attachment 1)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Sallee at 1:38 P.M.

Michael Woolf, Common Cause, appeared before the committee as a proponent of S.B. 82 (attachment 2). He stated that they feel there should be an outright prohibition against state officers or employees from representing another person for compensation in a representation case, with certain exceptions. Elected officials should not be allowed to represent anyone for compensation before state agencies whose budgets and policies they control. Questions were raised concerning whether it would be inappropriate for an attorney legislator to appear before a district court judge whose salary he sets.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:45 P.M.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: Senate Elections

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
DARRELL SPAIN	LAURENCE	INTERN/SEN BOND.
Mary Sallee	Troy	:
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Linton Barlett	Kansas City	City of Kansas City
Michael Wolf	Topeka	Common Cause
Jana Atchison	Topeka	KPDC
Ron Thornburgh	Topeka	Sec. of State
Carol Wellman	Topeka	KPDC
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		Attachment 1



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Statement in support of Senate Bill 82
Presented to the Senate Elections Committee
by Michael Woolf, Executive Director

Senate Bill 82 proposes to amend the definition of "representation case" to include the hiring of a state officer or employee even when there is not an actual appearance before a state agency.

Common Cause/Kansas considers this proposal a moderate strengthening of the state's conflict of interest laws. We do not feel, however, that it goes far enough. We believe that there should be an outright prohibition against state officers or employees from representing another person for compensation in a representation case, with certain exceptions.

This is especially true in the case of legislators who are responsible for approving agencies' appropriations, a situation which is full of potential conflicts of interest.

Simply filing a disclosure statement announcing the intended representation does not go far enough to eliminate the conflict or the appearance of conflict.

Common Cause/Kansas believes that elected officials should not be allowed to represent anyone for compensation before state agencies whose budgets and policies they control.

However, because we recognize that Senate Bill 82 will expand the definition of a representation case somewhat, we support the measure.

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Attachment 2