

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Elections

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

1:30 ~~XXX~~ p.m. on March 28, 1989, 19__ in room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Richard Rock (excused)

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: see attached list (attachment 1)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

The Chairman began working H.B. 2428. Senator Martin withdrew his motion from March 27 dealing with the number of signatures needed for an independent candidate to get his name on the ballot on H.B. 2428. Since the second, Senator Rock, was not at the committee meeting the Chairman ruled that the second could be withdrawn. Senator Martin made a motion that at state-wide level the number of signatures not exceed a 5,000 threshold and at district level leave the 3% with a cap of 5,000. Senator Johnston seconded the motion. Senator Bond called the question. The amendment to H.B. 2428 passed. Senator Bond made a motion that the provisions of S.B.1 that the Senate passed be amended to H.B. 2428. Senator Johnston seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Johnston made a motion to recommend H.B. 2428 favorable as amended. Senator Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Martin stated he would like to reconsider the action of amending S.B. 1 onto H.B. 2428 because he felt there would be a better place to put the amendment. Senator Martin made a motion to reconsider the action of amending S.B. 1 to H.B. 2428. Senator Kerr seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Martin made a motion to take S.B. 1 out of H.B. 2428. Senator Lee seconded the motion. After discussion the Chairman ruled they would not take action with this motion until they had discussed H.B. 2359. It was stated the question of moving H.B. 2428 favorably as amended for passage is still before the committee.

The Chairman announced the subcommittee he appointed to work further on H.B.2359 had not had a chance to meet. Senator Yost made a motion for a prohibition against PACs and their contributions to campaigns. Senator Martin seconded the motion. Discussion was held and the point was made that if PACs don't contribute then it would be up to individuals to make contributions. Senator Yost stated that when legislators get a great deal of money from special interest groups, it is difficult to think of their constituents. Senator Martin stated that if they are deciding if PACs or individuals donate money there still is a problem. He suggested having public funding so each candidate has the same amount of money to spend. Senator Bond made a substitute motion to table H.B. 2359 until January 1990. Senator Reilly seconded the motion. After a voice vote a division was called for and the vote was 3 yes and 4 no. The motion failed.

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The Senator's returned their attention to the original motion made by Senator Yost. Senator Martin called for the question. The motion failed. Senator Martin made a motion to refer H.B. 2359 to interim study. Senator Lee seconded the motion. Senator Yost stated he would like to see action taken now or not make it effective until election of 1992. Senator Reilly suggested an option of referring the bill to Ways and Means Committee or Federal and State Committee. The Senators decided they needed more time to study this bill so Chairman Sallee withdrew Senator Martins motion. No action was taken on this bill.

Senator Johnston made a motion to recommend H.B. 2428 with S.B.1, presidential preference primary, amended to it as favorable. Senator Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 P.M.

