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4-7-89

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Lana Oleen at  
Chairperson

1:35 ~~pm~~/p.m. on March 27, 1989 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Francisco - Absent

Committee staff present: Jill Wolters - Revisor  
Diane Duffy - Research  
Nancy Jones - Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Motion was made by Senator Gaines to approve minutes of the March 14, 16 & 23 meetings; seconded by Senator Strick. Motion carried.

Hearings on:

SB 366 - Public records not required to be opened.

Chairman Oleen asked committee members to give attention to written testimony of Harriet Lange, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Broadcasters, who opposes the legislation as it could lead to abuse of the Open Records Act. (Attachment 1)

Discussion was held regarding lines 132 through 137 as this is a change in language. There has been a problem with legislators not having information from Legislative Post Audit before it is released to the press. There have been instances of release of information to the public and the Post Audit Committee has been instructed not to disclose it for a certain time, which could infer deliberate holding back by individuals. Senator Bogina stated this bill is an attempt to assure the Post Audit Committee is informed of findings at the same time the information is released to the press.

HB 2444 - Concerning access to services for medically indigent and homeless

Chairman Oleen reminded committee members that Representative Jesse Branson had given her testimony in support of the proposed legislation on March 20 and for them to refer to it at this time.

Concensus of the committee was to move on this legislation in order that the commission to be created could progress on work already started.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines to recommend favorably HB 2444; seconded by Senator Vidricksen Motion carried.

Chairman Oleen opened discussion on:

HB 2124 - Concerning the establishing of the Building Trades Commission on testing

Concerns have been expressed by trades people across the state that block testing might be mandatory with poassage of this legislation and that formation of a board might lead to licensure statewide. Concern was expressed by committee members regarding the inclusion of two code officials in the makeup of the board with no one selected from the general public as a member Previous legislative committees have tried to eliminate the problems that are being addressed in this bill. The spread of 70% to 75% on testing scores needs to be mediated by the trades involved, as well as with the cities. Reciprocity between cities must be considered. There is concern that a black-ball effect could be created if a registry is put into effect with provisions

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in the bill.

Committee members felt the trades represented should meet and agree upon compromises where there is strong disagreement and this should be accomplished within the next 24 hours so that the committee may again discuss the bill.

Should a meeting of the trades involved not agree upon compromises, Chairman Oleen will prepare a proposed compromise bill which she will conceptually present to the trades representatives, followed by a report to the Committee. Those interested parties will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28 in the office of Senator Fred Kerr.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 28, 1989.

GUEST LIST

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March 27, 1989

TO: Members of the  
Senate Committee on Governmental Organization

FROM: Harriet J. Lange  
Executive Director *hl*

RE: SB 366 - Public records not required to be opened

The Kansas Association of Broadcasters opposes legislation which could lead to abuses of the Kansas Open Records Act, and legislation which renders as inaccessible, public records which currently are open.

We oppose on principle, the enactment of SB 366.

Thank you for your consideration.

**PRESIDENT**

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