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Date

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Representative Tom Sawyer at
Chairperson

12:25 a.m./p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 19⁹¹ in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Pat Mah, Research
Arden Ensley, Revisor
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The House Elections Committee was called to order at 12:25 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13th by Chairman Tom Sawyer.

The minutes of the meetings on March 7th and 8th were presented for approval. Representative Jones made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative McKechnie and the motion carried.

The Chair then continued discussion on HB 2454, concerning ethics.

Representative Shallenburger offered an amendment stating no candidate could run for office while holding another office if the terms overlapped, seconded by Representative Johnson. Following discussion by the committee the motion passed.

Representative King made a motion to require all news media, radio, TV, newspapers, etc., to report a contribution and file a report if they endorsed a candidate. This was seconded by Representative Wells. A vote was taken on this motion and the motion failed.

Representative King offered an amendment regarding the subpoena power of the Public Disclosure Commission. He moved that the Commission have probable cause before issuing a subpoena, must have a 3/4 vote of the commission, and the Commission would be responsible if frivolous charges were filed, seconded by Representative Shallenburger. Following discussion a vote was taken and the motion carried. Representatives McKechnie, Baker, Stephens and Sawyer wished their "no" vote to be recorded. Representative Jones and Scott wished their "yes" vote to be recorded.

Representative Shallenburger made a motion to delete the subpoena power from HB 2454 and go back to the existing law, seconded by Representative Parkinson and the motion carried.

Representative Baker requested a section be added which would address decorum and conduct of the legislature. She had a written statement of the wording of her request. The Chair requested she give a copy to each member of the committee to review and this would be considered at the next meeting on Monday, March 18th.

Representative Shallenburger offered an amendment that would make PAC contribution limits the same for the Senate as for the House of Representatives. This would include all limitations. This was seconded by Representative Stephens and the motion carried.

Representative McKechnie referred the committee to page 10, and offered an amendment that would delete the balloon concerning political committee contributions to party committees. This was seconded by Representative Baker and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections,

room 521-S, Statehouse, at 12:25 a.m./p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 1991.

Representative King made a motion to restrict political activity by state employees, such as the restrictions that the Department of Human Resources use.

As it was time for adjournment the Chair declared further discussion of HB 2454 would be continued on Monday, March 18th at the regular meeting of the House Elections Committee, 9:00 a.m. in Room 521-S.

The Chair adjourned the House Elections Committee at 1:35 a.m.

