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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Representative Sherman Jones at
Chairperson

9:09 a.m./p.m. on February 4, 1992 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Bishop (excused)
Representative Johnson (excused)

Committee staff present: Arden Ensley, Revisor
Pat Mah, Research
Shirley Lee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Linda Schreppel, Labette County Clerk
Representative Aldie Ensminger

Others attending: see attached list.

Chairman Jones opened the hearing for **SB 241**.

Linda Schreppel, Labette County Clerk, appeared before the Committee in support of the bill. She stated the bill would allow canvassers to canvass results of elections on the next business day following Friday when it falls on a holiday. She recommended a change on line 21 of the bill to read ..."may" instead of "shall" meet on the next business day, because some counties do not observe some national holidays.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for questions. Committee members addressed questions to Ms. Schreppel and she responded. Chairman Jones called for any opponents. There were no opponents and the hearing for **SB 241** was closed.

Chairman Jones opened the hearing for **HB 2215**.

Representative Aldie Ensminger appeared before the Committee. He stated the bill resulted from a township and school board election in his county where a candidate who had filed withdrew from the elections after the filing date because he changed his mind. Because of the statute at that time, they were required to have the primary costing them \$7,500. He recommended a change to the bill on line 22 to June 10 instead of June 13. He also pointed out when there were only two candidates and one withdraws, the candidate who withdraws politically sets the tone of the election process and he recommends that others be allowed to file within the next five days.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for questions. Committee members addressed questions to Representative Ensminger and he responded.

With no further discussion, Chairman Jones closed the hearing on **HB 2215**.

Chairman Jones informed the Committee that the Committee would hear the subcommittee's report on the Wells bills, take final action on possibly two bills and introduce several bills tomorrow. He also stated there would not be a meeting on Thursday, February 6.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

