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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 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on February 10, 1992 in room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~xxxxx~~

Committee staff present:

Pat Mah, Legislative Research Department  
Ardan Ensley, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tricia Thornton, intern for Senator Oleen

Others attending: See attached list.

The chairman called the meeting to order shortly after 1:30 p.m.

**SB-569** - Concerning the use of campaign contributions.

Tricia Thornton appeared before the committee and presented testimony from Senator Lana Oleen in support of SB-569. This bill would allow candidates or candidate committees to share reimbursement of costs for surveys, or other related activities on a proportional share basis. Passage of the bill would better facilitate coordination of legislators who share joint constituencies. (Attachment 1)

Senator Bond, with a second from Senator Yost, moved to pass out SB-569 favorably. The motion carried.

Senator Yost requested introduction of a committee bill defining failure to act - meaning that if the legislature does not have a bill to the governor by April 1 on the issue of apportionment, Senate and House, that this would constitute "failure to act" and the court would be petitioned constitute "failure to act." Senator Bond seconded the motion.

Discussion noted concern that there appeared to be little progress dealing with apportionment and should either the House or the Senate fail to act and a bill is not presented to the governor by April 1, it would be considered failure to act. The suggestion was made to use a method used in arbitration where each side would present a map rather than have the court start from the very beginning. The courts could choose one of the submitted maps or one they felt best. It was noted the issue could end up in both state and federal court since there were specific requirements in the Kansas Constitution.

Senator Yost moved to amend the motion to read "If the Legislature does not have a bill to the governor by April 1 on the issue of Senate, House and Congressional apportionment, it would constitute "failure to act." Senator Bond seconded the amendment. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. and will convene at 1:30 p.m. on February 11, 1992.

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TESTIMONY SB 569

Senate Committee on Elections

Monday, February 10, 1992

Chairman Sallee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my remarks today in support of SB 569 Through presentation by my intern, Tricia Thornton.

The provisions of the bill simply allow candidates or candidate committees to share reimbursement of costs for surveys, or other related activities on a proportional share basis.

To relate a situation, I was involved in a joint newsletter mailing to K-State faculty with a House colleague. We planned to pay the expenses through our campaign accounts. At conclusion of the project, I needed to "settle up" with my colleague. I was unable to use campaign account funds for the reimbursement.

Passage of this bill would better facilitate coordination of legislators who share joint constituencies. I urge your favorable consideration of SB 569.

Senator Lana Oleen