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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Janice Hardenburger at 1:30 p.m. on January 13, 1999 in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Vidricksen

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Graceanna Wood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Carol Williams, Exec. Dir., Governmental Ethics Commission

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Hardenburger introduced Legislative Research Department members and Ken Wilke, Revisor, who is a new staff member. Chairman stated that the House has formed two Committees, Governmental Organization and Local Government and Election whereas, the Senate only has this Committee to handle the workload.

Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics Commission introduced Vera Gannaway, General Counsel for the Ethics Commission.

Chairman Hardenburger requested introduction of bills. Carol Williams presented the 1998 Annual Report of the Governmental Ethics Commission (Attachment 1 - 1998 Annual Report of the Governmental Ethics Commission is in the office of Governmental Ethics Commission). She recommended the introduction of two ethics bills. One bill would request Legislature to give the Commission guidance on what "charitable organization" means in KSA 42-236. The other bill would require state agencies to submit potential conflict of interest violations by employees to the Commission.

Senator Becker moved that the bills be introduced, seconded by Senator Lawrence. Motion Carried.

Chairman Hardenburger asked that a bill be introduced requested by Senator Bond which would amend the Open Meetings Law making a provision that cities and counties could enter into executive session to discuss security measures.

Senator Becker moved introduction of the bill, seconded by Senator Lawrence. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for January 14, 1999.

