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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Janice Hardenburger at 1:30 p.m. on January 21, 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: None

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Hardenburger advised the Committee there would be continued discussion from yesterday's Committee meeting regarding **SCR 1601**. She introduced Dan Colantone Executive Director of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce to the Committee.

Mr. Colantone informed the Committee that Manhattan Chamber of Commerce has a membership of 850 businesses. They not only work with the businesses but also with the University, Fort Riley and all local education within their community, city and county government. He advised the Committee that a fairer accountability of population would equate into a larger percentage of federal dollars coming back to the state which would ultimately end up at the local level. When the number of students and military due to the state adjustments are not counted that certainly impacts us on the local level but could impact on the state level as well. He also stated that a proper census count would equate into additional resources for the state. He advised that it is important that true census numbers be available when businesses recruit at the local level. The students and military are an intricate part of the community and there is a cost associated for servicing citizens. The state adjustment should be changed to demonstrate the actual population as the federal census shows.

The Committee discussed the cost of accounting for the people at the local level with colleges having to account for all of their students and Fort Riley having to account for all the military personnel.

Senator Petty moved that SCR 1601 be moved out favorable as recommended, seconded by Senator Praeger. Motion Carried.

Senator Huelskamp said that he opposed this resolution because there are a large number of citizens who are registered to vote in his district, but they would be counted elsewhere without the state adjustment of the federal census.

The Committee discussed regarding reapportionment in regard to voting registration.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for January 25, 1999.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
DAN COLANTONE, PRESIDENT	MANHATTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Brad Bryant	Sec. of State
Beatriz Isarra	Intern for sen. Steineger