

MINUTES OF THE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Tony Powell at 3:30 p.m. on January 29, 2001 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Ray, Excused
 Rep. Welshimer, Excused
 Rep. Findley, Excused

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor
 Dennis Hodgins, Research
 Shirley Weideman, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative David Huff

Others attending: See attached list.

Chair Tony Powell opened the hearing on **HB 2129 - Mileage and other allowances for official travel of certain advisory committees.**

Representative Huff was recognized as a proponent of the bill. He gave the example of a friend who was appointed to a volunteer advisory committee for the state of Kansas. He said his friend had to pay for his own expense of getting to and from Topeka and that this bill would give persons who donate their time to serve on advisory boards and state committees, the opportunity to receive reimbursement for mileage, tolls and parking expenses. Representative Huff said that they can turn down the expenses if they wish. This bill does not include food or lodging expenses. He said the bill would have a fiscal effect but it would be no more than the agency could absorb in its's budget. (attachment #1) Representative Huff answered questions from the committee.

Representative Powers asked whether the expenses would cover all travel expenses under "other allowances" for official travel in accordance with K.S.A. 76-3203 (not 3202). Theresa Kiernan, Revisor, replied that it would cover mileage, parking charges, turnpike and bridge tolls only.

Chair Powell asked if the committees are informal advisory ones that the state agency creates or are they statutory? Representative Huff indicated that they are ones that the Governor appoints and are not statutory. Dennis Hodges, Research Department, said this bill would not cover statutory-created committees.

There being no further questions, Chair Powell thanked Representative Huff for his testimony.

Chair Powell closed the hearing on **HB 2129**. He also announced to the committee that the committee would be working this bill **HB 2129** on Wednesday, January 31.

The committee was reminded by Chair Powell that he is working on revisions of last year's lobbying laws and would be interested in hearing individual member's comments on those laws.

There being no further business, Chair Powell adjourned the committee at 3:45 p.m. Next meeting will be January 31, 2001 at 3:30 p.m.

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GUEST LIST Date January 29, 2001

Your Name	Representing
Nancy Lindberg	Atty Gen
Kyle Kesler	DOB
Ray Dalton	SRS
Brad Bryant	Sec. of state
Patterson Bush	Atty Gen

Thank you Mr. Chairman and fellow committee members.

Several months ago, I was talking to a friend of mine who had recently been appointed to a volunteer advisory committee for the state of Kansas. I was surprised to find out, that although he donates his time and expertise to a state committee, he must pay for his own expense of getting to and from Topeka. House Bill 2129 would give persons who donate their time to serve on advisory boards and state committees, the opportunity to receive reimbursement for mileage, tolls, and parking expenses. This bill does not include food or lodging expenses. When a person donates his time and energy to come to Topeka for meetings, the state should at least pay for mileage, tolls, and parking expenses.

Rep. David Huff