

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on January 10, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State
Mark Joslyn, Assistant Professor, Political Science
Department, University of Kansas

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Allen welcomed the members of the committee and introduced the staff and committee secretary. At the request of Senator Allen, committee members introduced themselves and indicated which district they serve.

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State, introduced by Chairperson Allen, briefed the committee on the 2000 Presidential Election issues and their impact on Kansas. Secretary Thornburgh informed the committee on how the election laws in the State of Kansas are structured. Secretary Thornburgh will appear before the committee next week to present his six-point plan to improve elections in Kansas (No written testimony). Secretary Thornburgh introduced Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. He made note to committee Mr. Bryant will present a briefing regarding the election administration, ballots, recounts, contests, voting equipment on January 11, 2001.

Chairperson Allen recognized Mark Joslyn, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, University of Kansas. Mr. Joslyn gave an overview of the electoral college to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11.

