

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Don Myers at 3:30 p.m. on February 5, 2003 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Ruby Gilbert, Excused  
Representative Steve Huebert, Excused

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Revisor  
Dennis Hodgins, Research  
Kathie Sparks, Research,  
Shirley Weideman, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics Commission Director  
Representative R.J. Wilson (written only)

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Myers opened the hearing on **HB 2134 - Campaign finance; defining expenditures for campaign expense and expense of holding public office.**

Ken Wilke, Revisor, gave the committee an overview of the bill. He stood for questions asked by committee members regarding clothing, accessories and official travel.

Carol Williams, Director of the Governmental Ethics Commission, answered questions asked by committee members regarding clothing and accessories—whether they are for campaigning or being worn for official duties of the office—education allowances, pictures, computers and other equipment.

Representative Wilson submitted written testimony in favor of **HB - 2134**. The bill adds more specifics to allowable personal expenses. It would allow as expenses: rental or purchase of office equipment and supplies; rental of facilities for public meetings; necessary travel and lodging expenses for legislative education; rental or purchase of telephones and pagers; and rental or purchase of clothing or other accessories worn exclusively by the candidate or the public official for the advertising of the candidacy or performance of the duties of the office to which the candidate has been elected. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Myers closed the hearing on **HB -2134**.

Representative Huy moved a conceptual amendment to **HB 2134** to delete lines 12 through 16 in (6)(E). Representative Sharp seconded the motion.

Representative Yonally moved a substitute motion to delete “exclusively” from (6)(E) and replace with “primarily” so that (6)(E) lines 12 and 13 would read: “rental or purchase of clothing or other accessories worn by the candidate or the public official primarily for the: advertising of the candidacy; or performance of the duties of the office to which the candidate has been elected”. The motion was seconded by Representative Wilson. The vote was 9 in favor and 5 against the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Powers moved and Representative Miller seconded the motion to move **HB 2134** as **amended** favorably from the committee.

Representative McCreary moved a substitute motion to table **HB 2134**. Representative Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was 6 in favor and 8 against. The motion failed.

The vote on the motion by Representative Powers to move **HB 2134 as amended** from the committee was 8 in favor and 6 against. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Myers at 4:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 10.

**HOUSE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

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**DATE** Feb. 5, 2003

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Testimony in Support of  
**HB 2134**  
House Committee on Ethics & Elections  
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AN ACT concerning campaign finance; pertaining to use of contributions for personal purposes; amending K.S.A. 25-4157a and repealing the existing section.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am R.J. Wilson, State Representative from Pittsburg. I appear today as a proponent of HB 2134.

HB 2134 is an attempt to provide more specifics in law concerning the intent of KSA 25-4157(a). This is the section of law which defines allowable campaign expenses.

The following would be added to the law as specific issues of which elected officials would be allowed to expend their campaign contributions:

- (A) Rental or purchase of office equipment and supplies;*
- (B) rental of facilities for public meetings;*
- (C) necessary travel and lodging expenses for legislative education such as seminars, conferences and meetings on legislative issues;*
- (D) rental or purchase of telephones and pagers; and*
- (E) rental or purchase of clothing or other accessories worn exclusively by the candidate or the public official for the:
  - (i) Advertising of the candidacy; or*
  - (ii) performance of the duties of the office to which the candidate has been elected.**

I believe such specific changes can do nothing but enhance the law and provide a clearer road map for the commission on which to base their definition of allowable.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Attachment 1