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MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONTESTED ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike O'Neal at 7:30 A.M. on February 2, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Gordon Self, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Assistant

Chairman O'Neal recapped the position of the contestant & contestee. The contestant believes that none of the ballots, in issue, should be counted because they were illegally cast. The contestee contends that all ballots should remain counted because it cannot be determined with 100% accuracy who the voter actually voted for, and that, Mr. Rardin should be declared the winner by a four vote margin, because one of the ballots was counted based on a statement in an affidavit not on the actually ballot.

The committee discussed if it needed any additional information before it started its deliberations. The committee directed Mrs. Janet Jones to request the sealed portion of the transcript and the sealed ballot of Mrs. Blickhan's.

While the issue of how election boards handle ballots was not assigned to the committee they requested that the Johnson County Elections Commission appear before the committee to answer questions.

The committee meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on February 5, 2007.