

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ETHICS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 9:36 a.m. on January 19, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except for:
Senator Vicki Schmidt - excused

Committee staff present:
Mike Heim, Assistant Revisor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Principal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Principal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

The Chairman called the meeting to order and asked for bill introductions. The Chairman indicated that the Secretary of Commerce, who was the vice-chair of the inaugural campaign, asked that a bill be introduced allowing unspent inaugural funds to be sent to 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agencies rather than to the Executive Mansion Gifts Fund.

Senator Kelsey moved, seconded by Senator Faust-Goudeau. Motion carried.

The Chairman introduced a bill to transfer funds between candidacies. This bill passed the Senate last year, but did not pass the House.

Senator Brungardt moved, seconded by Senator Reitz. Motion carried.

Carol Williams, Executive Director, Governmental Ethics Commission, gave a short presentation on the Commission and requested two bills: disclosure of issue ads and filing fee increases that need to be raised as the fund for the Commission is being depleted.

Motion to introduce a bill to increase filing fees moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Reitz. Motion carried.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Williams for appearing before the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010.