

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on February 14, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
Trent LeDoux, Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Republican Party  
Jack & Pat Ranson, Wichita  
Woody Moses, Kansas Aggregate Producers  
Michael Lutz, President of Ashgrove Aggregates  
Gary Cullore, Landowner in Bourbon County, Kansas  
Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association  
Warren Harshman, Harshman Construction L.L.C.  
Randy Allen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties

Others attending: See attached list.

**Hearing on: SB 218 - elections; counting of provisional ballots**

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed **SB 218** for the committee. This bill is regarding contested elections. If one county counted provisional ballots and the other county didn't this bill would mandate County Board of Canvassers, after opening the ballots to determine which ballots in the final canvas of the election returns.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, testified in support of **SB 218** being a clarification of the sequence of events prescribed in law for the processing of provisional ballots (Attachment 1).

**Hearing on: SB 192 - campaign finance; defining party committee to include congressional district party committees**

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department, briefed the committee on **SB 192**; currently congressional district party committees are treated as PACS and this bill would take them out from under PAC designation and designate as party committee.

Trent LeDoux, Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Republican Party, testified in support of **SB 192**, which would add congressional district party committees to the list of other party committees as defined in current law. Trent offered an amendment to the bill "page 3, line 39, after the word "committee" to add "per congressional district" (Attachment 2).

Written testimony from Jack and Pat Ranson, Wichita, Kansas, was offered as testimony in support of **SB 192** (Attachment 3).

Carol Williams, Executive Director, Governmental Ethics Commission presented testimony stating the Commission does not take a position on **SB 192** (Attachment 4).

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There being no others wishing to testify on **SB 192**, the hearing was closed.

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**Hearing on: SB 210 - counties; requirements on purchases of goods or services in amounts exceeding \$100,000**

Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave an overview of **SB 210** to the committee.

Woody Moses, Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association, testified before the committee in support of **SB 210** stating the purpose of **SB 210** is to provide a clear line of distinction between those areas of services that local government should be allowed to enter into and those areas that government should not enter (Attachment 5).

Mike Lutz, President of Ash Grove Aggregates, testified in support of **SB 210** (Attachment 6).

Testimony in support of **SB 210** was given by Gary Cullor, owner and resident from Bourbon County, Kansas (Attachment 7).

Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association, testified in support of **SB 210**, specifically, our association believes this measure is good public policy in that it requires a public hearing when a county considers spending over \$100,000 (Attachment 8).

Warren Harshman, Harshman Construction LLC, sent written testimony in support of **SB 210** (Attachment 9).

Randy Allen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties testified in opposition of **SB 210**. Randy stated the bill would uniformly impose on all counties requirements which superfluous and unnecessary when existing safeguards are in place to protect the public's interest (Attachment 10).

There being no others wishing to testify on **SB 210** the hearing was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2001.