

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 March 8, 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  
Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

**Senator Clark moved to approve minutes of the committee for dates January 10<sup>th</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve minutes.**

**HB 2185- improvement district; revenue bonds, maturity.**

Representative Tfanelli testified in support of **HB 2185**. (Attachment 1)

Written testimony from Kevin Cowan, Shareholder Attorney, Gilmore and Bell, supporting **HB 2185** was distributed to committee. Mr. Cowan was in attendance yesterday, March 7, 2001 to testify, however due to time constraints, the hearing on **HB 2185** was postponed until today, March 8, 2001, and Mr. Cowan was unable to attend today's hearing (Attachment 2).

**Senator Clark made a motion to move HB 2185 favorably for passage. The motion was seconded by Senator Jackson. Motion carried.**

**HB 2246- drainage districts, powers and duties of governing body.**

It was made known that Dave Comstock, Dir. Division of Engineering and Design, withdrew his opposition from **HB 2246**.

**Senator Jackson made a motion to move HB 2246 favorably for passage. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion.**

**HB 2119 – certain part and recreation districts; relating to movements.**

Chairperson Barbara P. Allen recognized Ashley Sherard to offer an amendment to the threshold limit changing "line 17 from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and changing line 25 from \$10,000 to \$20,000".

**Senator O'Connor made a substitute motion to amend HB 2119 on " lines 17 and 25", and pass HB 2119 favorably as amended. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion.**

**Senator Brownlee made a motion to insert the language of SB 227 as amended into HB 2119. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion.**

Due to questions on **SB 227** which was not available to committee, Chairperson Allen postponed taking action on **HB 2119** at this time.

**HB 2068-relating to the acquisition of property.**

**Senator Clark made a motion to move HB 2068 favorably for passage. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

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**SB 314 - concerning the KS highway patrol, relation to restrictions on certain activity.**

Susan Bechard, Kansas State Trooper Assn., appearing on behalf of Steve Kearney, Executive Director, Kansas State Troopers Association, gave an explanation on the Attorney General Opinion 84-40 regarding political restrictions concerning members of the Kansas Highway Patrol (Attachment 3).

Mike Heim gave a brief explanation on the Hatch Act at the committee's request(Attachment 4).

Chairperson Allen decided to postpone taking action on **SB 314** at this time.

Chairperson Allen informed the committee it would meet next week, but no date has been set at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

