

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on February 2, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Engel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Kay O'Connor
Representative Mario Goico
Sandy Jacquot, League of Kansas Municipalities
Patrick Lehman, Kansas Fire Service Alliance
Erik Sartorius, City of Overland Park
Scott Schneider, City of Wichita

Others attending: See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Huelskamp requested a bill related to expanding the current requirements about using ethanol in state owned vehicles to include state rented or leased vehicles. It was moved by Senator Huelskamp and seconded by Senator O'Connor that the committee introduce the requested bill. Motion carried.

Hearing on SB 54- an act concerning roofing materials.

Ken Wilke, committee staff, described this bill and fielded questions.

The fiscal note was provided in the meeting packets.

Proponents:

Senator O'Connor provided testimony (Attachment 1) and answered questions. She mentioned plans for two amendments. The one to remove the fire marshals will alter the fiscal note. Another is to address the extreme expense of class C or better shake shingles. The need for these amendments surfaced just before the meeting and neither amendment was available yet.

Representative Mario Goico provided testimony (Attachment 2) and answered questions.

Sandy Jacquot, provided testimony (Attachment 3) and answered questions. She expressed concern about placing additional responsibilities on the cities. Local governments can handle the requirements for new construction, but they rarely know about roof replacements.

Patrick Lehman provided testimony (Attachment 4) in support of the portions of the bill they knew about.

Erik Sartorius provided testimony (Attachment 5) and answered questions.

Opponents:

Scott Schneider provided testimony (Attachment 6) and answered questions. His organization endorses the indent of the bill and he is uncertain of their position on the suggested amendments

Senator Donovan asked Art Brown, a representative of the building industry in the audience, to stand and report the position the Mid America Lumbermen's Association. Mr. Brown reported that they did not take a position on this bill. They prefer to let the market and insurance industry dictate which products people buy. They do have philosophical differences and feel that it is heavy handed for the state to dictate which products are used.

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Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

Closing

There are hearings on SB 78 and SB 80 tomorrow. If there is time at the end, the committee may receive amendments to SB 67.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.