

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on March 15, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Pat Michaelis, State Archivist, Kansas State Historical Society

Others attending: See attached list.

Hearing on HB 2281 - Disposition of gubernatorial records.

Ken Wilke, committee staff, summarized this bill.

Proponents:

Pat Michaelis provided testimony (Attachment 1) and answered questions.

There being no opponents, Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

Discussion of SB 80 - Open records; public agency; certain records excluded.

Senator O'Connor reported on the work of the subcommittee and distributed a proposed substitute bill (Attachment 2). There were close to fifty people involved with the subcommittee and she believes all concerns were addressed. There were questions and discussion about the report.

It was moved by Senator O'Connor and seconded by Senator Reitz to adopt the subcommittee balloon amendments. Motion carried.

It was moved by Senator O'Connor and seconded by Senator Wilson that the committee adopt the above as a substitute for SB 80 and report it favorably. Motion carried.

Senators Wilson, Francisco, and Reitz thanked the subcommittee for doing a wonderful job. They felt the subcommittee did a remarkable job of sorting through a difficult situation and reaching a positive solution.

Discussion of HB 2243 - Lan-Del joint water districts; transfer of assets, liability and territory.

Senator Francisco reported that she is still waiting on language from Lansing. It was agreed to hold this bill for discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion of HB 2118 - Cemetery merchandise trust funds; disclosure of certain information.

Senator Betts discussed this issue with a researcher, including a situation where a farmer pulled headstones from a railroad cemetery. Senator Pyle expressed concern about providing access while protecting the rights of the property owner. Senator Donovan suggested that this is a complicated issue that other states have probably already addressed. He recommended that Kansas research options before taking action. No action was taken.

Discussion of **HB 2018 - Acquisition of rural water district by another district.**

Senator Francisco asked about an amendment for HB 2018 related to the number of people on the board, etc. It was not ready.

Closing

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.