

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 March 7, 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: Representative Loyd
 Jerry Davis, County Commissioner, Garden City, KS
 David Comstock, Director, Division of Engineering and Design,
 KDOT
 Representative Pottorff
 Harriet Lange, President & Executive Director, KS Association
 of Broadcasters
 John Lewis, President, Kansas Sunshine coalition for Open
 Government
 Richard Cram, Director of Policy and Research, Kansas
 Department of Revenue
 Jeff Burkhead, Executive Director, Kansas Press Association,
 Inc.
 Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Social Rehabilitation Services
 Albert Murray, Commissioner, Juvenile Justice Authority
 Tim Madden, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Corrections
 Clint Riley, Legal Counsel, KS Dept. of Wildlife & Parks
 Connie L. Hubbell, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Allen distributed an article regarding a hospital board missed election (Attachment 1).

Mike Heim, Legislative Research, passed out the hatch act provision regarding **SB 314-concerning the KS highway patrol, relating to restrictions on certain activity**. Chairperson Allen requested the information after committee inquiry; regarding how taking action on **SB 314** would interfere with hatch act provision (Attachment 2).

Hearings on:**HB 2246 - drainage districts, powers and duties of governing body**

Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes, explained **HB 2246** to the committee.

Representative Loyd appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2246** (Attachment 3).

Testimony in support of **HB 2246** was given by Jerry Davis, County Commissioner, Garden City, Kansas (Attachment 4).

David Comstock, Director, Division of Engineering and Design, KDOT, testified before the committee in opposition of **HB 2246** (Attachment 5).

Chairperson Allen requested Dave Comstock to meet with Representative Loyd on the concerns he had regarding **HB 2246**.

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Representative Pottorff testified in support of **HB 2299** (Attachment 6).

Harriet Lange, President and Executive Director, Kansas Association of Broadcasters presented testimony in support of **HB 2299** (Attachment 7).

John Lewis, President, Kansas Sunshine Coalition for Open Government, testified before the Committee in support of **HB 2299** (Attachment 8).

Written testimony in support of **HB 2299** was submitted by Jeff Burkhead, Executive Director, Kansas Press Association, Inc. (Attachment 9).

Richard Cram, Director of Policy and Research, Kansas Department of Revenue, spoke in opposition to **HB 2299** (Attachment 10).

Tim Madden, Chief Legal Counsel, appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2299** (Attachment 11).

Clint Riley, Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, testified before the Committee in opposition of **HB 2299** (Attachment 12).

Written testimony was distributed to committee in opposition of **HB 2299** by the following:

Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Social Rehabilitation Service(Attachment 13)

Albert Murray, Commissioner, Juvenile Justice Authority (Attachment 14)

Jamie Clover Adams, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture (Attachment 15)

Connie L. Hubbell, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging (Attachment 16).

Chairperson Allen informed the committee it would be meeting tomorrow to hear **HB 2185 - improvement district; revenue bonds, maturity**, and take possible action on bills previously heard.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2001.