

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:32 P.M. on March 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:

Representative Frank Miller  
Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
Brian Newby, Johnson county Election Commissioner

Others attending: See attached list.

**Hearing on HCR 5004 - Elections; concurrent resolution urging Congress to simplify the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 regarding removal of voters from voter registration lists.**

Ken Wilke, committee staff, reviewed the resolution and fielded questions. Senator Reitz asked about the fiscal note.

Proponents

Representative Frank Miller provided testimony (Attachment 1) and fielded questions.

Brad Bryant provided testimony (Attachment 2) and fielded comments and questions.

Brian Newby provided testimony (Attachment 3) and fielded questions.

Karen Hartenbower, Lyon County Clerk / Election Official provided written testimony (Attachment 4) and was not present.

Opponents:

There were no opponents.

Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing and invited discussion.

**Discussion of HCR 5004 - Elections; concurrent resolution urging Congress to simplify the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 regarding removal of voters from voter registration lists.** It was moved by Senator Donovan and seconded by Senator O'Connor to replace "at least" with "the preceding" on page 1, line 31 and page 2, line 7. Motion to amend carried.

While the committee did not use the term "intent", discussion did include comments that this resolution asks the US Senate and US Congress to allow the states more freedom to set their own legislation and procedures to remove voters from registration lists.

Another amendment was moved and seconded, but then withdrawn. Those committee members will work on that language and propose an amendment next week.

**Closing**

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 8.

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