

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 February 13, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Huelskamp

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Mike Heim, Legislative Research
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Christine Downey
Senator Derek Schmidt
Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State
Tim Graham, 2002 Redistricting Staff Member

Others attending: See attached list.

Per Chairperson Allen's prior request, Jim Edwards, Governmental Relations Specialist with KASB, provided members' with the decision of District Judge Tracy Klinginsmith which relates to testimony given on February 12, 2003 on **SB 103**. This information was distributed to members prior to start of the committee, Jim Edwards did not appear in person. (Attachment 1)

Hearing on SCR 1607 - Constitutional revision establishing a commission to propose legislative, state board of education, and congressional districts.

Senator Downey provided testimony in support of **SCR 1607** (Attachment 2).

Senator Schmidt provided testimony in support of **SCR 1607** (Attachment 3). Various questions were presented and answered to clarify the structure of the Supreme Court Nominating Commission and the type of commission which would result from their nominations. Chairperson Allen requested Mary Galligan, Legislative Research, and Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes, to locate and provide all data regarding the current members of the Supreme Court Nominating Commission including who they are, how they were appointed and their backgrounds if possible. Questions regarding costs were also not answered yet, there was no fiscal note provided for this resolution.

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State provided testimony in support of **SCR 1607** (Attachment 4), focusing on the removal of the census data adjustment, a step which would eliminate unnecessary work and about \$500,000.00 in costs.

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Tim Graham, 2002 Redistricting Staff Member, based on his experience with last year's redistricting he provided neutral testimony on **SCR 1607** (Attachment 5).

There were no opponents present to testify.

Chairperson Allen informed committee they will meet next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2003.