

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Barker at 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mark Kahrs – Excused
Representative James Todd – Excused
Representative Jim Ward – Excused
Representative Annie Kuether – Excused

Committee staff present:

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department
Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research Department
Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Connie Bahner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kris Kobach, Secretary of State
Stephen Howe, Kansas County and District Attorneys Association
Micah Kubic, Ph.D., ACLU

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Representative John Carmichael moved that the minutes of February 12, 2015 be approved, seconded by Representative Fred Patton, minutes were approved.

Hearing on: SB34 — Penalties for voting crimes; prosecution of election crimes.

Chairperson Barker opened the hearing on **SB34**. A review of the bill was given by Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes. Representative John Carmichael had questions regarding some of the language in the bill and what effect it has on the prosecutor's burden to establish the crime and regarding the penalties involved. Discussion followed by Representatives Steven Becker and John Rubin.

Chairperson Barker recognized Kris Kobach, Secretary of State, as a proponent of **SB34** ([Attachment 1](#)). He handed out an interstate cross-check chart showing the incidences of people being registered to vote in multiple states ([Attachment 2](#)). Questions were asked by Representative John Rubin, Steven Becker, John Carmichael, Dennis Highberger, and Stephen Alford.

Chairperson Barker called upon Stephen Howe on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association who testified as an opponent to **SB34** ([Attachment 3](#)).

Chairperson Barker asked the committee to hold their questions until the end of the testimony by all opponents.

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Micah Kubic, Ph.D., American Civil Liberties Union, testified as an opponent to **SB34** ([Attachment 4](#)).

Questions were asked of the opponents by Representatives John Rubin, John Carmichael, John Whitmer, and Chairperson John Barker.

After seeing that there were no further conferees, Chairperson Barker closed the hearing on **SB34**.

Possible action on bills previously heard

SB113 -Relating to licenses, permits, stamps and other issues of the department of wildlife, parks and tourism.

Chairperson Barker asked the committee to open their folders on **SB113**.

Representative John Rubin moved to report **SB113** favorably for passage, seconded by Representative Blaine Finch.

Representative John Rubin moved to amend **SB113** by adding the contents of **SB112**, seconded by Representative Blaine Finch. A vote was taken, and the amendment passed.

Representative John Rubin moved to report **SB113, as amended**, favorably for passage, seconded by Representative Blaine Finch. A vote was taken. **SB113, as amended**, passed favorably.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2015.