

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:33 P.M. on February 15, 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:

Senator Dennis Wilson
Chuck Henry, Treasurer, Wyandotte Co. Unified Govt.
Amy Meeker-Berg, Deputy Treasurer, Johnson Co.
John Bartolac, Clerk, Johnson Co.

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on SB 133 - Homestead property tax credits; review of claim by county clerk.

Ken Wilke, committee staff, recapped the bill.

Proponents:

Senator Dennis Wilson provided a testimony (Attachment 1) and mentioned a potential amendment.

Chuck Henry, Treasurer, Wyandotte County Unified Government, provided testimony (Attachment 2).

Amy Meeker-Berg, Deputy Treasurer, Johnson County, provided testimony (Attachment 3).

John Bartolac, Clerk, Johnson County, provided testimony (Attachment 4).

Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties, provided written testimony (Attachment 5).

Senator Wilson fielded questions with the help of those who testified.

There being no opponents, Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

Senator Wilson and Ken Wilke provided a proposed amendment (Attachment 6) and summarized it. Senator Wilson moved and Senator Reitz seconded that the balloons be approved as amendments to SB 133. Discussion included that the Department of Revenue has not responded to this motion. Senator Wilson and Senator Donovan pointed out that this automation is consistent with their move toward electronic communication. The motion to amend carried.

Senator Francisco moved and Senator Betts seconded to reverse the first two phrases of the balloon being inserted in the current line 19. The motion to amend carried.

Senator Wilson moved and Senator Reitz seconded to pass SB 133 favorably as amended. The motion carried.

Discussion of SB 54 - Roofing materials; fire retardant requirements.

Senator O'Connor announced that she and Senator Francisco met with a number of interested parties to develop an amendment to this bill as distributed (Attachment 7). Senator O'Connor moved and Senator Pyle seconded to amend as proposed. Senators O'Connor and Pyle agreed to adjust their amendment to insert additional words in two parts of the balloon on page two. Consensus was to hold the vote until the committee can see the bill printed with these amendments. Ken Wilke will have the amendments ready for the meeting tomorrow and the committee plans to vote at that time.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Elections and Local Government at 1:33 P.M. on February 15, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Closing

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 16.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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