

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on February 21, 2006 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
Zoie Kern, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB 456 - Open records; disclosure of certain records pertaining to drivers of motors vehicles transporting members of the public.

SB 492 - Repealing unilateral annexation procedure.

SB 497 - Improvement districts; qualifications of directors.

Senator Huelskamp opened meeting with discussion on bills **SB 456**, **SB 492** and Hearing on **SB 497**.

Senator O'Connor who sponsored **SB 456**, stated she agree to amendment from yesterday and would agree to offering of name only.

Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statues Office clarified the amendment (**Attachment 1**).

Discussion.

Senator Donavan, how do we handle common names?

Senator O'Connor stated that partial addresses would clarify identification and that names alone would cause problems.

Amendment was brought to vote by Senator Huelskamp.

Motion carried as amended.

Senator O'Connor motioned that **SB 456** with amendment be favorably moved out.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motioned carried.

Senator Petersen motion to reconsider motion made by Senator Pyle yesterday on **SB 492**. It was seconded by Senator O'Connor.

Discussion.

Senator Wilsom asked for motion to be restated. Senator Huelskamp said only counties that exceeded 100,000 were affected by **SB 492**.

Senator Betts asked if the bill was constitutional. Mike Heim stated this was questionably. Senator Huelskamp moved that perhaps more clarification was needed. regarding **SB 492**.

Motion carried.

Vote taken. Senator Betts, Senator Reitz, and Senator Francisco voted no.

Senator Pyle moved to report **SB 492** as amended. Seconded by Senator O'Connor.

Motion carried.

Hearing on **SB 497**.

Ken Wilke of the Revisor of Statues office gave explanation of **SB 497**.

Senator Huelskamp asked Mike Heim to briefly state what an improvement district meant. Mike stated that the empowerment of an improvement district is similar to that of ruual water districts like Sherwood and Perry, etc. They can provide certain improvements like a small city but not have home rule.

Senator Peterson testified in favor of **SB 497** (**Attachment 2**).

Written testimony in favor of **SB 497** was submitted by Senator Petersen on behalf of Anna Milligan of Sunview Improvement District Sedgwick County, Kansas (**Attachment 3**).

Andree Sisco of Wichita, Kansas gave testimony in favor of **SB 497** (**Attachment 4**). Please note there is no

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copy of attachment from conferee as stated.

Tina Steventon from the Oakview Neighborhood Association Board gave testimony in favor of **SB 497** (Attachment 5).

Discussion closed on **SB 497**.

Senator Petersen moved we send out **SB 497** favorably to the Senate.

Senator Betts seconded.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned till further notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoie C. Kern