

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 March 1, 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:

Bob Storey - Chief of Police Junction City, Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Ken Wilke of Legislative Research gave summary of **HB 2759** - bonded debt limitation; Junction City.

Bob Storey testified in favor of **HB 2759** for Rodney D. Barnes, City Manager of Junction City, Kansas (Attachment 1).

Discussion.

Senator Reitz stated that Junction City is expanding 5 miles west and needed borrowing power for roads and sewers. Tax dollars come in too slow to meet this demand.

Senator Francisco stated everything is upon the city at one time. If the military dose not leave in the next five years, all will be well otherwise there would be an economic crash.

Senator Reitz commented that this is a boom for Kansas, doubling the size of the community in a short time. David Arteberry, an attorney from Junction City, was asked by Senator Huelskamp if there was a default in payback, would the debt fall back on the city or state. David Arteberry replied that the purchaser excepts all responsibility.

Senator Huelskamp asked David Arteberry how funds not used for development where handled. Would they be used for race tracks and casino's? David Arteberry stated there would not be enough funds to use for that purpose because half of the proposed funds are already spoken for.

The purchasers of these new homes will have the option to pay off bond up front or have the amount added to their payment.

No further discussion.

Senator Betts moved to report **HB 2759** favorably to Senate.

Senator O'Connor seconded.

Motion carried..

Respectfully Submitted,

Zoie C. Kern, Committee Secretary