

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:37 P.M. on February 9, 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:

Robert Stern, Center for Government Studies  
Carol Williams, Ethics Commission  
Shelby Smith

Others attending: See attached list.

Staff note: Topeka Channel 13 TV news interviewed Robert Stein before the meeting and recorded the full meeting. Kansas Public Radio recorded Mr. Stein's presentation.

**Minutes Approval**

Minutes for February 12, 18, 20, 25, 26, and 27 were provided in meeting packets for approval. At the end of the meeting, Senator Donovan moved and Senator Pyle seconded to approve the minutes as provided. The motion carried.

**Hearing on SB64 - Campaign finance; reporting requirements for electioneering communications.**

Ken Wilke, committee staff, described the bill and fielded questions. It corresponds to the fifth recommendation from the Ethics Commission. Definitions in the bill are very similar to those in the federal act. The fiscal note was provided in the meeting packets.

Informational conferee:

Robert Stern, who was invited by Carol Williams, made a presentation. His written statement (Attachment 1) includes suggested amendments.

Proponents:

Carol Williams provided testimony (Attachment 2) and answered questions.

Shelby Smith provided testimony (Attachment 3).

Opponents: There were no opponents.

Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

**Hearing on SB 66 - Campaign finance; reports by certain committees shall include names of candidates supported or opposed.**

The hearing on SB66 which was scheduled for today will be first thing on the agenda tomorrow. Attachments intended for this hearing will be including with minutes for the hearing.

**Subcommittee on SB80 - Open records; public agency; certain records excluded.**

Chairman Huelskamp appointed Senator O'Connor as chair and Senators Betts and Peterson to serve on this subcommittee.

Additional information

Brad Bryant from the Secretary of State's office provided information to the committee which was provided in the meeting packets as (Attachment 4).

**Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.