

Approved Jan. 10, 2001

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Vratil at 9:38 a.m. on January 9, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Haley

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Revisor
Mary Blair, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Melissa Wangemann, Office of Secretary of State

Others attending: see attached list

Conferee Wangemann briefly reviewed a bill request by the Secretary of State which would repeal the mandated fundraiser's bond portion of K.S.A. 17-1760. Currently K.S.A. 17-1760 requires charitable organizations, professional fundraisers, and professional solicitors to register with the Secretary of State further requiring these organizations to post a \$5000 bond. A recent Utah court decision found that such a bond was unconstitutional. (attachment 1) Senator Goodwin moved to introduce the bill, Senator Oleen seconded. Carried.

Revisor Self reviewed the Report of the Special Committee on Judiciary to the 2001 Legislature. He discussed each of the following four study topics the Committee addressed during the interim: merit selection of judges; revision of state court costs; increasing safety belt use, including seat belts on school buses; and qualifications of members of the Legislature. He discussed Committee's conclusions and recommendations on each topic and stated that no legislation was proposed on any of the topics. (attachment 2)

The Chair stated that he would like to invite several people to speak before the Committee about the Kansas Payment Center and centralized payment of child support and spouse support established as per legislation which was passed last year. He stated that he and others have received many calls from people who are not receiving their support checks. Senator Oleen stated that the legislative post audit committee recently completed their study and suggested they be contacted to present a report on this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2001.