

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on January 22, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Stan Clark
Natalie Haag, Chief Legal Counsel/Director of Governmental Affairs
Carol Williams, Executive Director - Governmental Ethics Commission

Others attending: See attached list.

Senator Clark made a conceptual request for introducing a bill concerning decisions on recall elections, amending KSA25-3601 and 25-3602. Senator O'Connor made a motion for the Committee to introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried.

Natalie Haag appeared on behalf of the Governor's office, conceptually to request the introduction of a bill to establish filing the campaign report electronically. Therefore candidates for statewide office will file daily reports the last eleven days. Senator Schmidt made a motion to introduce the legislation, seconded by Senator Jackson. The motion carried. On behalf of the First Lady, Natalie requested a bill drafted to authorize certain expenditures from campaign finance funds. Senator Schmidt made a motion to introduce the conceptual request by Natalie Haag, seconded by Senator Jackson. The motion carried.

Carol Williams made available to the Committee copies of the 2000 annual report of the Commission (on file in Kansas Legislative Research Department and the Governmental Ethics Commission). Carol gave an overview of the Governmental Ethics Commission to the Committee. The Chair requested the Commission make available to the Committee the opinions on the lobbyist reporting law.

Senator Gooch made a motion to introduce a bill that would prevent a trinket or any reportable gift of \$25 or less from being individually reported.

Senator Brownlee offered a substitute motion for a bill that would reflect any offer to the entire legislature, all members of a caucus, or the entire chamber to not be individually reported. Senator Brownlee made a motion to introduce the legislation, seconded by Senator O'Connor. The motion carried.

Senator Gooch made a motion to introduce his legislation that a trinket or any reportable gift of \$25 or less would not be individually reported, seconded by Senator Jackson. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2001.