

MINUTES OF THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on February 16, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol. Senator Huelskamp moved to accept the minutes of February 9th and 10th. Senator Ostmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

All members were present except:

Senator Susan Wagle- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Laing, Executive Director InterHab

Howard Mick, Comfort Care Homes of Kansas City

Dane Barclay, Alsop Sand Company

Dennis Lauver, President, CEO, Salina Chamber of Commerce

Others attending:

See attached list

SB 114 - Zoning; group homes; certain restrictions. Senator Owens reviewed the bill relating to the number of unrelated persons living in a single family area and compliance with neighborhood covenants and zoning regulations.

Tom Laing, Executive Director, Interhab, spoke in opposition to **SB 114** (Attachment 1). He wants to assure people with disabilities can live in neighborhoods. He would be willing to look at amendments.

Doug Stark, President, ComfortCare Homes, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, referred to his written testimony (Attachment 2) in opposition to **SB 114**.

Howard Mick, ComfortCare Homes of Kansas City, LLC, gave testimony against **SB 114** (Attachment 3).

Representative Jo Ann Pottorff made comments against **SB 114**. She was positive with her comments about the group homes she is familiar with in her district and sees no need for the proposed bill.

The hearing was closed.

SB 253 - Zoning amendments; protest petitions; mining operations; extraordinary vote not required.
SB 254 - Urban area counties; zoning amendments and conditional use permits; protest petitions, other; extraordinary vote not requires.

Mike Heim, revisor, reviewed the bills. **SB 253** amends the statute dealing with rezoning to remove extraordinary vote requirements. **SB 254** the statute is part of planning and zoning law.

Dane Barclay, Alsop Sand Company, testified in favor of **SB 253** (Attachment 4).

Dennis Lauver, President, CEO, Salina Chamber of Commerce, gave testimony in favor of **SB 253** (Attachment 5).

The hearing on **SB 253** and **SB 254** will continue on Tuesday, February 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

