

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Allen at 1:30 p.m. on February 24, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Miller
Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant, Secretary of State
Elizabeth Ensley, Election Commissioner, Shawnee County
Charlotte Scott Schmidt, Montgomery County Clerk

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Action on:

SB 523 - Taxing subdivisions, budgets amendment of

Chairperson Allen opened the meeting taking action on **SB 523**. At the request of Chairperson Allen, at the February 19th hearing of **SB 523**, Sandy Jacquot, General Counsel, League of Municipalities (Attachment 1); and Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties (Attachment 2) presented information regarding **SB 523**. Unable to attend the hearing of **SB 523**, Chairperson Allen recognized Randall Allen to speak to **SB 523**. Both the League of Municipalities and Kansas Association of Counties had concerns regarding the date the governing body may amend such budget. Randall Allen's second concern is how to interpret the word "error". Senator Barnett's balloon, (Attachment 3), reflected moving the date to October 1. Senator O'Connor suggested the word "clerical" be added before "error". Senator Buhler moved to adopt the amendment with the addition of "clerical" in front of "error" in line 27 of the bill. Senator O'Connor seconded the motion and the motion carried. Senator Buhler moved to pass SB 523 out of committee favorably, seconded by Senator Betts, and the motion carried.

Hearing on:

HCR 5005 - Elections; Concurrent Resolution urging Congress to simplify the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 regarding removal of voters from voter registration

Chairperson Allen opened the hearing on **HCR 5005** and recognized Representative Miller testifying in support of **HCR 5005**. Representative Miller had an amendment to the bill to clarify the meaning of "general election" (Attachment 4).

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, welcomed to the committee by the Chair also spoke in support of **HCR 5005** (Attachment 5).

Testimony in support of **HCR 5005** was given by Elizabeth Ensley, Election Commissioner, Shawnee County (Attachment 6).

Written testimony in support of **HCR 5005** was handed out to committee from Charlotte Scott Schmidt, Montgomery County Clerk (Attachment 7).

There being no others to testify on **HCR 5005**, the Chair closed the hearing.

Senator Schmidt move to adopt the balloon and pass HCR 5005 favorably, seconded by Senator Jackson. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.