

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jene Vickrey at 3:30 P.M. on March 10, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Virginia Beamer- excused  
Representative Jim Yonally- excused  
Representative Melody Miller- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department  
Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Maureen Stinson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sen. Ruth Teichman  
Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association  
Rep. Sharon Schwartz  
Matt All, Office of the Governor

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

**SB 152 District hospitals; procedure for disposal of property**

Sen. Teichman testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). She said the bill would allow district hospitals a more reasonable approach in selling their properties.

Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He said the bill amends K.S.A. 80-2520 and would allow district hospitals to choose an alternative process for the disposal of property. He also submitted to the Committee a balloon amendment relating to a mortgage provision (Attachment 3).

Written testimony was submitted by Vernon Minnis, Stafford District Hospital (Attachment 4).

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **SB 152**.

**SB 152 District hospitals; procedure for disposal of property**

Rep. Oharah made a motion to adopt the balloon amendment (Attachment 3) relating to a mortgage provision. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rep. Goico made a motion for the favorable passage of SB 152 as amended. Rep. F. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

**HB 2506 Open meetings act applicable state agencies meeting as the subcabinet on natural resources**

Rep. Sharon Schwartz testified in support of the bill (Attachment 5). She explained that the Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee requested that the bill be introduced, and that the request was included as a part of the Wildlife and Parks budget report February 16, 2005. She said the report was approved by the full House Appropriation Committee.

Matt All, Office of the Governor, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 6). He said requiring agencies dealing with the state's natural resource to follow the procedural requirements of the Kansas Open Meetings Act anytime representatives of three or more of those agencies need to communicate with each other about their work, would make the work of managing the natural resources of this great state next to impossible.

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2506**.

**SB 78 Open records; exceptions; personnel records; reconciling conflicts in duplicate statutes**

Rep. Sawyer made a motion for the favorable passage of SB 78 and to ask that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Rep. Lane made a for motion for the approval of minutes for the February 1, 2005 meeting. Rep. Huebert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Vickrey adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2005.