

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 3, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbie Craft- excused
Representative Bill Otto- excused
Representative Harold Lane- excused
Representative Tom Sawyer- 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:

Ben Quinton, Rooks County Health Center
Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2469 **Financing for Plainville rural hospital district no. 1**

Ben Quinton, Rooks County Health Center, testified in favor of the bill (Attachment 1). He said the bill would authorize the Board of Rooks County Health Center to obtain financing for the construction of a replacement hospital facility secured by a mortgaged insured by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) mortgage insurance program, section 242 of the National Housing Act.

Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He said the Kansas Hospital Association is requesting that the Committee considers expanding the bill to allow the approximately 15 Kansas district hospitals the same opportunity (to obtain financing by securing a mortgage on hospital property).

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2469**.

HB 2469 **Financing for Plainville rural hospital district no. 1**

Rep. Yonally made a motion for the favorable passage of HB 2469 and asked that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Rep. Swenson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HCR 5006 **Constitutional amendment providing access to public records and public meetings**

Mike Heim, Legislative Research, provided a briefing on the provisions of the house concurrent resolution (Attachment 3).

Approval of Minutes

Rep. Swenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2005, January 25, 2005, and January 27, 2005 meetings. Rep. Huy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Vickrey adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2005.