

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:36 P.M. on February 3, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes  
Janet Engel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ralph Gage, Kansas Press Association., & "Lawrence Journal World"  
Harriet Lange, Kansas Association of Broadcasters  
Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties (written & audience)  
Theresa Bush, Attorney General's Office  
Doug Anstaett, Kansas Press Association  
Harriet Lange, Kansas Association of Broadcasters  
Theresa Bush, Attorney General's Office  
Richard Gannon, Kansas Press Association  
Scott Heidner, Am. Council of Engineering Co. of Kansas  
Trudy Aron, American Institute of Architects  
Ed Desoignie, Heavy Constructors Association of Greater KC,  
Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society  
Chip Wheelen, Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine  
Robert Vancrum, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
Wes Ashton, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce,  
Ashley Sherard , Lenexa Chamber of Commerce

Others attending: See attached list.

**Bill Introductions:** None

**Hearing on SB 78 - Open records; exceptions; personnel records; reconciling conflicts in duplicate statutes.**

Ken Wilke summarized the bill.

Proponents:

Ralph Gage, Kansas Press Association., & "Lawrence Journal World", presented testimony. (Attachment 1)

Harriet Lange, Kansas Association of Broadcasters, presented testimony. (Attachment 2)

Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities, presented testimony. (Attachment 3)

Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties provided written testimony and was present in the audience. (Attachment 4)

Theresa Bush, Attorney General's Office, presented testimony. (Attachment 5)

Opponents: None

Chairman Huelskamp closed the hearing.

**Hearing on SB 80 - Open records; public agency; certain records excluded.**

Ken Wilke summarized the bill.

Staff note: Many conferees gave verbal testimony that varied from their written testimony because they were reacting to previous suggestions for amendments. The grouping of proponents and opponents was based on their primary positions before the hearing.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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### Proponents:

Doug Anstaett, Kansas Press Association, presented testimony and a letter from the University of Kansas. (Attachments 6 & 7)

Harriet Lange, Kansas Association of Broadcasters, presented testimony. (Attachment 8)

Theresa Bush, Attorney General's Office, presented testimony. (Attachment 9)

Richard Gannon, Kansas Press Association, offered two amendments and a section of Kentucky law (Attachments 10, 11, & 12).

### Opponents:

Many opponents indicated they may remove opposition if some of the proposed amendments are adopted.

Scott Heidner, Am. Council of Engineering Co. of Kansas, presented testimony. (Attachment 13)

Trudy Aron, American Institute of Architects, presented testimony. (Attachment 14)

Ed Desoignie, Heavy Constructors Association of Greater KC, presented testimony. (Attachment 15)

Corey Peterson, Associated General Contractors of Kansas, provided written testimony and was present in the audience. (Attachment 16)

Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association., provided written testimony. (Attachment 17)

Ron Cornejo, Cornejo & Sons, provided written testimony. (Attachment 18)

Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, presented testimony. (Attachment 19)

Tom Bell, Kansas Hospital Association, provided written testimony with Jennifer Findley present in the audience. (Attachment 20)

Chip Wheelen, Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine, provided a proposed amendment. (Attachment 21)

Marlee Carpenter, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, provided written testimony and was present in the audience. (Attachment 22)

Dick Carter, Travel Industry Association of Kansas, provided written testimony and was present in the audience. (Attachment 23)

Robert Vancrum, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, presented testimony. (Attachment 24)

Wes Ashton, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, presented testimony. (Attachment 25)

Ashley Sherard, Lenexa Chamber of Commerce, presented testimony. (Attachment 26)

Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

### **Closing**

Amendments for SB 67 are not yet ready. They will be provided for a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35.