

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Burgess at 3:30 P.M. on March 20, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office
Maureen Stinson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Jim Barone
Representative Shirley Palmer
Dale Bunn
Dean Mann
Gary Emry
Mark Tomb

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB 321 Fort Scott/Bourbon county river front authority act

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **SB 321**.

Senator Barone testified in support of the bill. No written testimony was submitted.

Representative Shirley Palmer testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). She explained that the bill was recently introduced in the Senate and that it passed by a vote of 39 to 0.

Mark Tomb, League of Kansas Municipalities, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He submitted written testimony from Kimberly Winn, Director of Policy Development and Communications for the League of Kansas Municipalities.

Dale Bunn, Director of Economic Development for the City of Fort Scott, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3). He explained that the River Front Authority will have the ability to manage donated property and funding with integrity. He said that the improvements that it provides will convert an overgrown, dismal former dump in a troubled flood plain into an attractive recreation center, a beautiful northern gateway into the historic downtown.

H. Dean Mann, Co-Convener, Develop the River as an Asset Committee, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 4). He explained that the goal is to create a park between National Avenue and U.S. Highway 69 on both sides of the river. He said that the park will include a lake between the Marmaton River and Mill Creek.

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by Gary Emry, President, Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 5).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **SB 321**.

SB 169 Voters; photo identification required

Questioning of conferees who appeared at the hearing on **SB 169** on Monday, March 19, 2007 continued.

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **SB 169**.

Representative Metsker made a motion for the favorable approval of the minutes for March 19, 2007.

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Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2007.