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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on March 22, 2007 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Zoie Kern, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

J. Neil Jednoralski
Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office
Richard E. Levy, Kansas University Law Professor
Mike Kautsih, Kansas University Law Professor
Richard Gannon for Doug Anstaett, Kansas Press Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Ken Wilke handed out new language for **HB 2307 - Sherman County Board of Commissioners; election at large** (Attachment 1).

Martha Dorsey gave summary of events surrounding the Suspension of J. Neil Jednoralski, Chairman, Smoky Hill/Saline Basin Advisory Committee (Attachment 2).

Tracy Streeter of the Kansas Water Office gave testimony on behalf of his actions in regards to the dismissal of J. Neil Jednoralski (Attachment 3). Mr Streeter used (Attachment 4) to support his actions.

Richard E. Levy, Law Professor at Kansas State University gave testimony personal, not that of the University, regarding free speech rights of public employees (Attachment 5).

Mike Kautsih, Law Professor from Kansas University also gave personal testimony, not that of the University (Attachment 6), concurring with Professor Richard E. Levy testimony.

Richard Gannon of the Kansas Press Association gave testimony expressing his own personal views not those of the Association.

Written testimony was submitted by Richard Gannon for Doug Anstaett, of the Kansas Press Association (Attachment 7).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoie C. Kern, Committee Secretary