

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 February 17, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bonnie Huy- 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:

Rep. Kenny Wilk
Patricia Michaelis, Kansas State Historical Society
Terri Roberts, Kansas State Nurses Association
Chuck Simmons, Kansas Department of Corrections

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2243 **Lan-Del joint water districts; transfer of assets, liability and territory**

Rep. Kenny Wilk testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). He explained that passage of this piece of legislation will only clarify whether the Lan-Del water district, formed by the City of Lansing and the Delaware Township, can provide water service within the boundary of the City of Lansing given the city expands beyond the borders of Delaware Township.

Written testimony was submitted by David Van Parys, Lan-Del Water District (Attachment 2).

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2243**.

HB 2243 **Lan-Del joint water districts; transfer of assets, liability and territory**

Rep. Yonally made a motion for the favorable passage of HB 2243 and asked that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2281 **Disposition of gubernatorial records**

Patricia Michaelis, Kansas State Historical Society, provided agency information concerning the bill (Attachment 3). She said the bill gives clarity to much of the ambiguity in the existing statute regarding disposition of and access to governor's records.

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2281**.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2149 **Disclosure of certain information to prospective employers of nurses, dentists and pharmacists**

Terri Roberts, Kansas State Nurses Association, testified as an opponent of the bill (Attachment 4). She explained the bill would make investigative files available to employers, and that they cannot support that partially investigated and incomplete files be made public by giving them to a prospective employer, or anyone else.

John Bottenberg, Bottenberg & Associates, submitted written testimony by Linda Bratner and A. Edward Hall, Delta Dental Plan of Kansas, in opposition to the bill.

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association (Attachment 6).

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2149**.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2121 **Criminal records; release to victims of crimes**

Chuck Simmons, Kansas Department of Corrections, presented testimony providing agency information on the bill. The testimony was written by Roger Werholtz, Kansas Department of Corrections (Attachment 7). He said that the bill would have a chilling effect on persons providing information to the Department.

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2121**.

HB 2139 **Fence viewers; designees of board of county commissioners**

Rep. Goico made a motion to adopt a balloon amendment (Attachment 8) to require a third commissioner or designee be used when the two chairpersons of the boards of county commissioners cannot agree in a fence viewing situation involving a fence located either on a boundary line between counties or partly in both counties, and to pass the bill as amended favorably out of Committee. Rep. F. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Vickrey adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2005.