Approved: 2/11/97

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Janice Hardenburger at 1:45 p.m. on February 5, 1997 in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Bonnie Fritts, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Harold Rheim, Kansas Society of Association Executives

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Hardenburger asked for approval of the minutes of February 4, 1997.

<u>Senator Steineger made a motion to approve the minutes.</u> <u>Senator Becker seconded the motion.</u> <u>The motion carried.</u>

Chairperson Hardenburger opened the hearing on SB 112.

SB 112

Concerning campaign finance; prohibiting certain contributions and solicitations therefor during certain time periods

Staff gave an overview of the bill explaining that current law prohibits solicitation and/or acceptance of any contribution from a lobbyist or political committee by any legislator, candidate, or candidate committee for any such legislator or candidate after January 1 and prior to May 15 of any year or at any time the legislature is in session.

There was discussion about some oversights in the bill and possible amendments to the bill that would expand the definitions and fill gaps.

Harold Rheim, K.S.A.E., appeared before the committee stating his support of the bill.

Chairperson Hardenburger read a statement from the Kansas Association of Retired Persons State Legislative Committee stating their support of this proposed legislation (<u>Attachment 1</u>).

Chairperson Hardenburger closed the hearing on the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 1997.

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Statement to the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government

Senate Bill 112

Jan Kruh Kansas AARP State Legislative Committee February 5, 1997

Senator Hardenburger, Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government: I am a volunteer member of the Kansas Association of Retired Persons State Legislative Committee, whose purpose is to advocate legislation for the large Kansas AARP membership.

The Kansas AARP State Legislative Committee recommends that campaign finance laws need to be strengthened by the Legislature. We believe stricter controls should be made on political campaigns through limits on contributions and time frames for raising campaign funds. Senate Bill 112 will advance this objective.

Kansas statute, K.S.A. 25-4153, now restricts registered lobbyists and political committees from making campaign contributions to legislators and legislative candidates between January 1 and May 15 and any other time the Legislature is in session. Senate Bill 112 inserts the word, "person," as defined in K.S.A.-4143 (h), to exclude more contributors, and it adds more political categories prohibited from receiving campaign contributions. This new bill will amend and strengthen the current statute.

AARP supports this proposed legislation and asks that the Committee send SB112 to the Senate for passage.

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