

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 6, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Senator Reitz.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Assistant
Zoie Kern, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rick Anderson, Doug Anstaett, Richard Gannon, Don Moler, Gloria Hevener

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB 621 balloon (Attachment 1) was distributed to Committee.

Discussion.

Ric Anderson from the Topeka Capital Journal gave testimony in favor of amended **SB 621** (Attachment 2).

Discussion.

Doug Anstaett, executive director of the Kansas Press Association gave testimony in support of amended **SB 621** (Attachment 3).

Discussion.

Richard Gannon, publisher of The Liberty Sentinel gave a summary of KOMA violations (Attachment 4).

Discussion.

Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties gave written testimony in opposition to **SB 621** (Attachment 5).

Don Moler executive director of League of Kansas Municipalities gave testimony in regards to his concerns with amended amended **SB 621** (Attachment 6).

Discussion.

Written testimony was submitted for Michael Pepoon Assistant County Counselor of Segwick County in opposition to **SB 621** (Attachment 7).

Hearing closed on amended **SB 621**.

Open hearing on **SB 609**.

Ken Wilke gave a brief summary of fiscal note for **SB 609** (Attachment 8).

Gloria Hevener treasurer of the board of directors for Stratton Oaks Villas in favor of **SB 609** (Attachment 9).

Discussion.

Hearing closed on **SB 609**.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoie Kern Committee Assistant