

Approved: February 13, 2012
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Goico at 9:10 a.m., on February 6, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present .

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kelly Navinsky-Wenzl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Diane Brian, Committee Assistant

Conferee appearing before the Committee:

Tom Witt, Kansas Equality Coalition
Randy Conyer, citizen
Louis Goseland, KanVote Coalition
Ben Scott, Sr., NAACP
Marge Ahrens, President, Kansas League of Women Voters
Sulma Arias, Director, Sunflower Community Action

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions:

Representative Otto introduced a bill that would add additional reasons for recall of elected officials. Bill was entered with no objections.

Chairman Schwab introduced a bill that would add the Native American Tribal Id to the Voter ID act. Bill was entered with no objections.

The Vice Chair resumed hearing on **HB 2437–Relating to voting; proof of United States citizenship.** The following spoke in opposition to **HB 2437**: Tom Witt (Attachment 1). Chairman Schwab arrived and took Chair of the committee and resumed hearing with continuation of testimony from Tom Witt, Randy Conyer (Attachment 2), Louis Goseland (Attachment 3), Ben Scott, Sr. (Attachment 4), Marge Ahrens (Attachment 5) and Sulma Arias (Attachment 6).

Testimony was concluded and conferees responded to questions from the committee.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the HOUSE ELECTIONS Committee on February 6, 2012, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

Written testimony in opposition to **HB 2437** was provided by:
Bonita Robertson-Boydston (Attachment 7), Glenda Overstreet (Attachment 8) and Elias Garcia
(Attachment 9)

Hearing closed on **HB 2437**.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.