MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on January 18, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Schmidt - excused

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Vera Gannaway, Governmental Ethics Commission Attorney

Jim Yonally, Kansas Society of Land Surveyors Jonathan Small, National Multi Housing Council

Joleen Walker, Mitchell County Clerk Lou Kerns, Washington County Clerk

Representative Jerry Williams

Others attending: See attached list.

Jim Yonally, Kansas Society of Land Surveyors, ask the committee to introduce a bill which would allow two or more counties to form a county surveyor district (Attachment 1). Senator Clark made a motion to introduce the legislation, seconded by Senator Jackson. The motion carried

Jonathan Small, National Multi Housing Council, request the introduction of a bill concerning counties, municipalities, and townships; relating to rent control (Attachment 2). Senator Huelskamp moved to recommend the introduction of Jonathan Small's request relating to rent control, seconded by Senator O'Connor. The motion carried.

Vera Gannaway, Governmental Ethics Commission Attorney, made a conceptual request asking the Committee to make a recommendation that the legislature amend KSA46-277, relating to violations of the state governmental ethics law. Senator Huelskamp made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Jackson. The motion carried.

Representative Jerry Williams presented testimony regarding recounts and contests in elections (Attachment 3). Representative Williams spoke on behalf of Edwin H. Bideau III and presented Mr. Bideau's testimony recommending legislation relating to provisional ballots (Attachment 4). The Chair asked Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State to review and make recommendation to the committee in reference to Mr. Bideau's testimony.

Joleen Walker, Mitchell County Clerk, briefed the Committee on voting procedures in Mitchell County (Attachment 5).

Lou Kerns, Washington County Clerk, spoke to the Committee regarding their voting procedure regarding paper ballots (Attachment 6).

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2001.