MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on February 28, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Steve Kearney, Executive Director, Kansas State Troopers

Association

Representative Tom Sloan

William Tuley, District Legal Counsel, Johnson County Park and

Recreation District

Ashley Sherard, Johnson County Intergovernmental Relations

Manager

Others attending: See attached list.

Hearing on:

SB 314 - Kansas highway patrol; relating to restrictions on certain political activity

Steve Kearney, Executive Director, Kansas State Troopers Association, appeared before the committee in support of **SB 314** (Attachment 1).

Senator Brownlee ask how relevant the hatch act would be to this language. Chairperson Allen requested the research department to provide the committee the hatch act amendment relating to state and federal employees.

No others wishing to testify on **SB 314**, the hearing was closed.

HB 2068 - Townships; acquisition of land by gift, donation or devise

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department, gave a brief review of **HB 2068**.

Representative Sloan presented testimony in support of **HB 2068** (Attachment 2).

There being no others wishing to testify, the hearing on **HB 2068** was closed.

HB 2119 - concerning certain park and recreation districts; relating to improvements

Chairperson Allen requested Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department, to give a summary of <u>HB</u> <u>2119</u> to the committee.

Bill Tuley, District Legal Counsel, Johnson County Parks and Recreation Department, testified before the committee in support of **HB 2119** (Attachment 3).

Ashley Sherard, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Johnson County, presented testimony in support of **HB 2119** (Attachment 4).

There being no others wishing to testify before the committee on **HB 2119**, the hearing was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2001.