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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Don Myers at 3:30 p.m. on January 27, 2003 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative David Huff, Excused

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Revisor

Dennis Hodgins, Research Kathie Sparks, Research Shirley Weideman, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Harriet Lange, Kansas Association of Broadcasters

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Myers asked for committee bill introductions.

Representative R.J. Wilson requested a bill allowing campaign contributions until the day before the legislative session instead of only until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Rep. Wilson moved to introduce this as a committee bill. Representative Toelkes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Harriet Lange, Kansas Association of Broadcasters, appeared before the committee to propose a committee bill that would extent the open meetings act to all electees at all levels. The bill is supported by the Kansas Press Association and the Sunshine Coalition for Open Government. Representative Huebert moved that this be accepted as a committee bill. Representative Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Myers reminded the committee that **HB 2048** will be heard on Wednesday.

There being no other bill introductions, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.