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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:35 P.M. on January 20, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: None

Committee staff present: Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Engel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's office

Others attending: See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Huelskamp asked for and received no additional bill requests.

Brad Bryant from the Secretary of State's office provided a request for two bill introductions related to voting equipment certification. (Attachment 1).

1. Optical scan voting equipment certification
2. Direct recording electronic (DRE) voting equipment certification

Brad Bryant also verbally recapped a request for two bill introductions that were previously intended to be requested in the House of Representatives. A copy was obtained after the meeting and is included as (Attachment 2).

1. Open primary/party affiliation
2. Advance voting ballot security

It was moved by Senator O'Connor and seconded by Senator Peterson that the committee introduce the four bills as requested by the Secretary of State's office. Motion carried.

HAVA Report

Brad Bryant recapped the report, "Update on the Help America Vote Act (Attachment 3). This is generally called "HAVA". He fielded numerous questions from committee members and staff.

Senator Huelskamp asked for more in depth detail on CVR (Central Voter Registration) for the committee.

Closing

Senator Huelskamp reminded the committee that meetings next week will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 25, 26, & 27, 2005.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 2:24 p.m.