MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Janice Hardenburger at 1:30 p.m. on January 18, 2000, in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:	Senator Praeger Senator Petty
Committee staff present:	Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Graceanna Wood, Committee Secretary
Conferees appearing before the comm	 ittee: Janet Stubbs, Kansas Building Industry Association Carol Williams, Exec. Dir., KGEC Gary Haller, Director, Johnson Ct. Park & Rec. District Dana Fenton, IRC for Johnson County Mike Jurkovich, Chairman, Johnson Ct. Park & Rec. District

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Hardenburger called the meeting to order and requested introduction of bills.

Janet Stubbs, Kansas Building Industry Association requested the introduction of a bill relating to excise tax. She informed the Committee that the city of Derby has implemented an excise tax, therefore, the proposed bill would merely provide guidelines to be followed, and also provide information before the implementation of the excise tax.

Senator Lawrence moved that the bill be introduced, seconded by Senator Becker. Motion carried.

Carol Williams, Executive Director, KGEC, asked the Committee to consider a discussion concerning the state's contracting provisions which relates to the conflict of interest statutes. She said the conflict of interest statutes deal with competitive bidding and not negotiated bidding.

The Committee discussed if this was a state or county situation.

Chairman Hardenburger opened hearings on <u>SB 371–concerning parks; relating to the Johnson county</u> park and recreation district.

Senator Becker, sponsor of the bill informed the Committee that $\underline{SB 371}$ was proposed due to a recent bond issue in Johnson County that caused unnecessary expense to the county. Senator Becker introduced Gary Haller, Director, Johnson County Parks and Recreation District and requested that he explain the bill.

Mr. Haller presented testimony in favor of <u>SB 371</u>, which is relating to the issuance of bonds by the District. He stated that current statute creates difficulty in acquiring the property as it provides the location and creates immediate speculation on the land to be acquired prior to the passage of the ballot question. (Attachment #1)

The Committee discussed whether the referendum should be published before the acquisition of the land.

Mike Jurkovich, Chairman, Johnson County Parks and Recreation District, informed the Committee that their Department does have to identify the boundaries of any acquisition, by street.

Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator for Johnson County, testified in favor of <u>SB 371</u>. He informed the Committee that the bill would simplify the boundary requirements in ballot issues pertaining to land acquisition. (<u>Attachment #2</u>)

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Senator Becker moved that the bill be moved out favorably, seconded by Senator Gooch.

The Committee discussed the bill further regarding the proposed area involved in the bond issue. Senator Huelskamp asked staff to find out if any local authorities have to describe the location of land prior to the issuance of bonds.

Chairman Hardenburger called the motion out of order due to not calling opposition to the bill. She asked if there were any opponents to the bill. There were no conferees who testified in opposition. She asked that further information be brought before the Committee and advised <u>SB 371</u> would be discussed further next week.

Chairman Hardenburger closed the hearing.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2000.

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