

MINUTES OF THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on February 10, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Chris Steineger
Senator Tim Owens
Rocky Nichols, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center of Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senate Concurrent Resolution SCR 1603 - Unified Greeley County; Greeley County, City of Tribune; endorsement. Senator Chris Steineger reviewed SCR 1603. He explained the bill was honoring Greeley County for unifying city and county.

Senator Wagle made a motion to move the Senate Concurrent Resolution SCR 1603 out of committee. Senator Faust-Goudeau seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

SB 114 - Zoning; group homes; certain restrictions. Mike Heim, Revisor, explained **SB 114**. He referred to the United States Department of Justice statement on certain federal laws and guidelines (**Attachment 1**).

Senator Tim Owens gave the background of the **SB 114** (**Attachment 2**) and testified in support of the bill.

Written testimony in favor of **SB 114** was provided by Sandy Jacquot, Director of Law/General Counsel, League of Municipalities, (**Attachment 3**).

Rocky Nichols, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center of Kansas, gave testimony against **SB 114** (**Attachment 4**) rejecting the ability of municipalities “not in my backyard”.

Testimony on **SB 114** will continue on February 16, 2009.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.