

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 19, 2000, in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Vidricksen

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 committee: Senator Tim Emert
Bill Groth, Department of Administration
Dan Hermes, Director of Governmental Affairs

Others attending: See attached list

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

Dan Hermes, Director of Governmental affairs requested introduction of four (4) bills, as follows:

1. If a vacancy occurs for precinct committee person before the term expires, the party's Constitution and By-Laws would provide a method of choosing a successor.
2. Relating to campaign finance which would require a 24 hour reporting of contributions in excess of \$50.00 during the eleven days before a primary or general election for a statewide officer. Contributions would be reported electronically.
3. Concerning campaign finance designed to prohibit contributions to individual and leadership legislature political action committee from January 1 through the sine die adjournment of the legislature.
4. Filling vacancies of the Office of Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General or State Treasurer for unexpired terms; the Governor would make the appointment.

Senator Steineger moved that the bills be introduced, seconded by Senator Lawrence. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger requested a bill be introduced originating from the Extension Service which provided for Extension Council Members to be elected instead of appointed, and that election would take place in April.

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

Chairman Hardenburger opened hearings on **SB 389—Concerning the capitol; relating to memorials on the capitol grounds; prescribing certain powers, duties, functions, guidelines and procedures.**

Senator Emert, sponsor of the bill, informed the Committee that efforts have been made toward restoration and renovation of the state Capitol. The purpose of the bill is to have some structure, direction and process for the continued renovation of the Capitol grounds, as well as the Capitol building. (Attachment #1)

The Committee discussed the boundary involved in the restoration, also who would be appointed to the planning committee, as outlined in the bill.

Mr. Groth informed the Committee there will be a committee assigned who will change the present rules on how to accept names for memorials. Also, funds for restoration of several memorials now on the Capitol grounds does exist.

Chairman Hardenburger asked if there were any opponents to the bill. No conferees in opposition to the bill appeared. The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 389**, and advised the bill would be discussed further next week.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2000.

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