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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairperson, at 1:30 pm on February 8, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Andy Tompkins, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents
Kathy Howell, Kansas Board of Regents
Peg Dunlap, KNEA
Mark Desetti, KNEA
Mark Tallman, KASB
Rev. Dr. Jarvis L. Collier, Pastor, Pleasant Green Baptist Church
Luke Bell, Kansas Association of Realtors

SB 361 – creating the excellence in education act.

The Chair introduced Andy Tompkins who spoke of the issues included in **SB 361** that he felt could be satisfactorily addressed through the cooperation of a recently formed task force that was comprised of KSBE/KSDE, KBOR and TEA. (Attachment 1).

Senator Vratil suggested the creation of a balloon amendment that would cover this issue.

The Chair called on the following who spoke briefly regarding **SB 361**:

Kathy Howell, (Attachment 2)
Mark Desetti, (Attachment 3)
Peg Dunlap, (Attachment 4)
Mark Tallman, (Attachment 5)
Rev. Dr. Jarvis L. Collier, (Attachment 6)
Luke Bell and (Attachment 7).

Written only testimony was provided by:

Sandi Jacobs, National Council on Teacher Quality (Attachment 8)
Cheryl L. Semmel, USA of Kansas, (Attachment 9).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2012.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.