

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 1:40 p.m. on March 17, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jean Schodorf (excused)

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Judy Steinlicht, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes

Others attending:

See Attached List

Chairman Umbarger asked the committee to consider a Senate Concurrent Resolution concerning No Child Left Behind "NCLB" expressing concerns and giving the federal government some guidelines as to what the State of Kansas would like them to address. Mr. Jim Edwards, Kansas Association of School Boards assisted in putting this resolution together consulting with Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Board of Education and Kansas National Education Association. Senator Hensley recommended that an addition be made to the resolution. Currently, National Title I figures are included and Senator Hensley would like the Kansas Title I figures provided by Senator Downey in yesterday's committee meeting to be included in the resolution. The Committee agreed with the recommendation and it was also felt that this resolution was very timely as both Kansas U.S. Senators recently voted against funding NCLB at the levels originally promised by Congress. Senator Oleen also recommended the resolution be sent to respective committees when ready to work the resolution.

Chairman Umbarger requested that Senator Downey, Senator Hensley, KASB and the Revisor's office work on the revisions to the resolution and the committee would work the resolution in committee tomorrow.

Senator Teichman made a motion to introduce the SCR concerning NCLB. Seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried.

HB2795—Compulsory School attendances; exemption for students in postsecondary educational institutions

Chairman Umbarger recommended that **SB556**, **SB303** and **HB2734** be amended into **HB2795** as these bills are not assured of being worked by the House of Representatives.

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes, gave an overview of all three bills.

After discussion, Senator Teichman made a motion to amend the contents of **SB556**, **SB303** and **HB2734** into **HB2795** and to recommend **HB2795** as amended favorably for passage. Seconded by Senator Emler. Motion carried.

HB2558—Charter Schools, procedures and reports

Chairman Umbarger asked for the committee's input on amending **SB374** into **HB2558**. After discussion, it was decided not to make this amendment.

Theresa Kiernan recommended an amendment on **HB2558** on page two, striking some of the wording in lines 21 and 22 "after the federal funds are expended" to read "when there are no longer federal funds

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available.”

Senator Emler made a motion to amend **HB2558** with the language recommended by Theresa. Seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Downey to recommend **HB2558** as amended favorably for passage. Seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried.

Senator Corbin made a motion to approve the minutes for March 8, March 9 and March 10, 2004. Seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried.

Senator Bunten advised that he was on a committee that looked at the budget of the State Department of Education. Senator Bunten asked that the committee allow time to discuss a proposal made in the minority report as a possible solution for school funding as required in Judge Bullock’s opinion.

Senator Oleen suggested the committee have a round table discussion to discuss school finance plans that have been proposed and share their own ideas in an effort to come up with a solution to school finance.

Chairman Umbarger stated that if time permits, he would accommodate the requests of Senator Bunten and Senator Oleen.

Meeting adjourned 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2004.