

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

The thirty-third meeting of the Education Committee convened at 2:00 P.M., Thursday afternoon, March 28, in Room 522 with Vice-Chairman Dixon presiding. All the members were present except Mr. Dreiling.

Mr. Finney, Chairman of the subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Casado, Boyd, Lill and Nesmith, as well as interested Legislative Council members, Messrs. Doyen, Joseph and Slocum, reported to the Committee their study on the Foundation Program. Mr. Dick Ryan of the Research Department appeared explaining modifications decided upon by the subcommittee. There were further reports on the 67% implementation of the program and restrictions in Section 4B of the distributed material. No action was taken on the report.

SENATE BILL No. 192:

Representative Thomas Van Cleave, Jr. reported to the Committee on this bill explaining that the basic bill lowered the school population levy for Wichita and Kansas City but that the Topeka representatives wished to amend the bill to include Topeka.

Representative William W. Bunten asked that the Committee amend the bill leaving the Topeka levy as it was. He felt that the Topeka Board of Education could have their levy raised by making a request to the Board of Appeals and that the bill raising the tangible personal property tax to 30% would mean more money for the Topeka school system.

Representative Harder introduced the members of the Topeka Board

of Education. Board Member Rausch explained that their amendment was more feasible because it definitely meant that they would receive more money and they could be assured that they could continue to operate the programs as planned now.

Representative Ralph E. Skoog spoke in favor of this amendment because the Topeka schools are not getting enough property to bring in enough taxes as is true in many communities.

After a discussion of the amendments, Mr. Lill made the motion that the Committee approve Senate Bill No. 192 without amendments.

Mr. Unruh made the substitute motion that the Committee adopt Mr. Bunten's amendment.

Mr. Lill withdrew his motion and made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, that the Committee adopt the amendment raising the levy for the Topeka school system. The motion carried by a vote of nine for the amendment and four against.

The motion was made by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Hughes, that the Committee recommend Senate Bill No. 192 favorably for passage as amended. The motion carried by a vote of nine for and four against.

SENATE BILL No. 277:

Representative Clyde B. Adams reported to the Committee on this bill.

The motion was made by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Crow, that the Committee recommend Senate Bill No. 277 favorably for passage. The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL NO. 125:

Representative Van Cleave explained this bill to the Committee.

The motion was made by Mr. Harder, seconded by Mr. Lill, that the Committee recommend Senate Bill No. 125 favorably for passage.

The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL No. 421:

Senator Laurin W. Jones, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, explained this bill to the members.

The motion was made by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Harder, that Senate Bill No. 421 be recommended favorably for passage. The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL No. 422:

Senator Jones explained this bill to the Committee.

The motion was made by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Harder, that Senate Bill No. 422 be recommended favorably for passage. The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL No. 423:

Senator Jones explained this bill to the Committee.

The motion was made by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Harder, that Senate Bill No. 423 be recommended favorably for passage. The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL No. 424:

Senator Jones explained this bill to the Committee.

The motion was made by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Harder, that Senate Bill No. 424 be recommended favorably for passage. The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL No. 111:

Representative Van Cleave also explained this bill to the Committee.

The motion was made by Mr. Harder, seconded by Mr. Lill, that Senate Bill No. 111 be recommended favorably for passage. The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL No. 213:

The motion was made by Mr. Nesmith, seconded by Mr. Smith, That Senate Bill No. 213 be amended. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Finney, that Senate Bill No. 213 be recommended favorably for passage. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

By John Bower
Chairman