

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Don Crumbaker at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on January 19, 1983 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative John Myers, who was excused

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
JoAnn Mann, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Denise Apt
Chris Graves, Associated Students of Kansas
John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards
Joe McFarland, Kansas State Board of Regents

HCR 5001 - Concurrent Resolution requesting Governor to establish task force on lifelong learning.

Representative Denise Apt explained to the Committee that in 1980, Kansas became one of six pilot states in a three-year project to coordinate, plan and implement more effective programs in adult and continuing education. The project was funded by a grant to the Education Commission of the States from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. The project was coordinated by the Kansas Board of Regents with the involvement of the Kansas State Department of Education, the Department of Human Resources and the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. Representative Apt noted that even though there is no fiscal note on the Resolution, the Board of Regents would request additional funding from the Kellogg Foundation to continue the lifelong learning project.

Chris Graves, Associated Students of Kansas, appeared in support of HCR 5001. Her testimony is attached and made a part of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards, supported HCR 5001 stating it would allow more people to utilize the public school facilities. He said that by 1990, less than 21% of the population will have children in school. With this rapid decrease, school officials are looking for educational opportunities to get more people involved in the use of the buildings. Mr. Koepke concluded his testimony by stating that USD's should be represented on the Task Force.

Joe McFarland, Kansas Board of Regents, supported the Resolution and said it was an out-growth of the three-year pilot project. He stated that a continuation of the project is necessary to implement the goals which have been established.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.



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BEFORE THE

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

ON

HCR 5001

JANUARY 19, 1983

Representing the Students of:

Emporia State • Fort Hays State • Kansas State • Pittsburg State • University of Kansas • Washburn University • Wichita State

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr. Chairperson, members of the House Education Committee, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be with you today and express to you the views of the Associated Students of Kansas. My name is Chris Graves. I am the Legislative Director of ASK.

We are the only active state student association in the state of Kansas, representing 83,000 university students at the seven public, four-year universities in Kansas.

I am appearing before you today to express our support for HCR 5001

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: HCR 5001

The Associated Students of Kansas supports this resolution because although ASK has not taken a formal stand on the issue in a Legislative Assembly, our very purpose and goal in existing -- that being to serve students -- makes it obvious that we support any measure or program that would make education more accessible to individuals.

As a group concerned with post-secondary education, we recognize the importance and need for educational services for persons, not only between the ages of 18-22 -- the "traditional" student, but beyond. It is becoming increasingly evident that the numbers of "traditional" students are rapidly decreasing on campuses and in educational programs, and in their place, a "new breed" of student -- with different interests, needs and objectives -- seeks service. Institutions must concern themselves not only with administrative details -- policies, accreditation, financing, faculty attitudes and course loads, attendance patterns, support services etc., but also the human concerns such as the appropriate curriculum for people who have collected significant life experiences and learning and the role of education in mid-career changes, to name just two.

We totally support the concept of HCR 5001 and feel it is a good step towards meeting the needs of the public; however, there is one amendment to the resolution we would like to propose and that is that students be specifically included on the task

force established that will be examining the lifelong learning opportunities for the citizens of Kansas. Students, as consumers of the "produce," have a unique and valuable perspective as to how an educational program could and should exist. A basic tenant of ASK, you might say, is that in any planning process, inclusion of those most directly affected help to create the best possible program.

CONCLUSION

ASK supports HCR 5001 and urges your adoption of the measure. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

Thank you for your time and consideration!