

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONThe meeting was called to order by Representative Don Crumbaker at  
Chairperson3:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on February 14, 19 83 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

## Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
Richard Ryan, Legislative Research  
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research  
Dale Dennis, State Department of Education  
JoAnn Mann, Secretary to the Committee

## Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jerry Schreiner, United School Administrators

HB 2202 - School districts, state aid for pupil transportation.

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research, said that under the provisions set out in HB 2202, transportation aid to school districts would be frozen at the 1982-83 level. The amendment would be permanent.

Representative Lowther thought that perhaps a freeze of one year was necessary as he felt the transportation aid formula needed to be studied. He compared the transportation aid to Blue Cross-Blue Shield--the more benefits there are, the more utilization there is.

Representative Brady agreed that, although HB 2202 might not be the solution, the transportation situation bears attention.

Jerry Schreiner, speaking on behalf of Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas-NEA, United School Administrators, State Board of Education, Schools for Quality Education and Wichita USD 259, outlined four reasons why these organizations oppose HB 2202. (1) Transportation of students outside a city and over 2.5 miles from home to school is mandated; (2) Transportation of students who live under 2.5 miles presently transported at the discretion of the local board may have to be eliminated due to a lack of funds. HB 2202 would place further restrictions on boards in determining local community needs; (3) It is more economical for students to ride school buses than to ask parents to provide private transportation; (4) The legislature has followed the concept of fully funding mandated programs. HB 2202 would be a radical change in this commitment.

Mr. Schreiner urged the committee to continue to provide full funding for the transportation aid formula by reporting HB 2202 adversely.

Representative Crumbaker announced that in considering School Finance, the budget limitations and the state percent of funding would be considered at the same time, then the matter of the 1.5 percent increase would be considered.

Representative Reardon objected, stating he wouldn't know how to vote on budget limitations unless he knew whether or not the 1.5 percent additional authority would be included in the bill. Mr. Reardon then made a motion to include a 1.5% increase over and above whatever subsequent budget limitations were set and that the increase was to be used for teachers' salaries. Representative Myers seconded the motion.Representative Reinhardt offered a substitute motion of 1.5 percent increase to be used in merit pay for teachers. Representative Apt seconded the motion.

Representative Reardon voiced opposition, stating that none of the 306 school districts use merit pay even though they now have authority to do so.

Voting was held on the substitute motion and the motion failed.

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room 423-S, Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~a.m.~~/p.m. on February 14, 1983.

Representative Bussman made a substitute motion to include a 1.5 percent increase to be used outside of professional negotiations and boards would have authority to use the revenue at their discretion. This increase would be for one year only. Representative Leach seconded the motion and the motion failed.

Chairman Crumbaker announced that Committee action would continue on the following day and adjourned the meeting.