

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mike Meacham at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~ p.m. on March 26, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Dean (excused)	Representative Love (excused)
Representative Aylward "	Representative Helgerson "
Representative Rolfs "	

Committee staff present:

Sherry Brown, Fiscal Staff, Research Department
Chris Stanfield, Fiscal Staff, Research Department
Betty Ellison, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mr. Russ Adkins, Director, Media Resources Center, Wichita State University
Mr. David Arendale, Learning Skills Specialist, Pratt Community College
Mr. Richard Funk, Assistant Executive Director, Kansas Assoc. of School Boards
Mr. Jim Hayes, Budget Division, Department of Administration
Dr. Dale Anderson, Manager, KTWU/Washburn, Channel 11

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Meacham. He called attention to a draft of a substitute bill for House Bill 3081. (Attachment 1) Representative Chronister gave a Subcommittee Report on the bill which relates to Centers of Excellence at institutions of higher education. She explained that the Subcommittee called the first part of the bill "one third;" this would be in the base budget of the three universities, Kansas State University, Wichita State University, and University of Kansas, and would be for faculty salaries and to insure that those faculty salaries had continuity. A second "third" would be outside the base budgets and would be directly attributable to the Centers of Excellence, to be used in any manner of their choosing. The final "third" was to be set up so that it was a match--in order to get any of that money, it would have to be matched on a dollar for dollar basis. However, the Subcommittee also said, "You do not have to match the entire amount of the money to get any of it. If the entire amount happened to be \$70,000, which is the Subcommittee's recommendation for FY 1985, and if you could only match \$5,000 of it, you could get that \$5,000, but it still would have to be a non-governmental match." Representative Chronister said that there is already in the Governor's budget and has been approved by the House, approximately \$140,000 to each of the three institutions for their Centers of Excellence. The Subcommittee was asking to be funded with an additional \$70,000 or the equivalent of whatever the Center would match on the last \$70,000.

Representative Chronister moved adoption of Substitute for House Bill 3081 and that it be recommended favorably. Representative Friedeman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on House Bill 3080, calling attention that this was a draft substitute bill which would need some improvement. (Attachment 2) He noted that this is the legislative enactment of work done by the Committee during the interim. Mr. Russ Adkins, Associate Dean of the Media Resources Center at Wichita State University, testified on behalf of the 21 institutions belonging to the Kansas Association of Post Secondary Educational Television (KAPSET). He stated that they were particularly pleased with the provision for community colleges. He said that if this legislation is enacted and if the funding legislation is enacted, KAPSET would meet no later than June 1 to vote on courses that would be implemented for use this fall over public television stations in the State of Kansas. Depending on the amount of funding provided, they would begin in the fall to vote on courses to be used in the spring semester as well. On behalf of the group, Mr. Adkins offered

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to provide the Committee with any reports that it deemed necessary in addition to those called for in the bill. He noted that the bill did not include support for private colleges; since KAPSET included a couple of those, he wondered if it would be acceptable for those members to participate if they paid their own way. He felt that the private institutions would realize a saving, but it would not be at the expense of the taxpayers or the legislature. He mentioned that on page 2, in the second paragraph, community colleges needed to be included.

Mr. David Arendale testified in favor of Substitute House Bill 3080 on behalf of Pratt Community College. He drew attention to two documents which had been handed out--these were copies of draft letters of support for the bill from Dr. John Gwaltney, President of Pratt Community College and Mr. Gary Barker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Pratt Community College, which had voted to pass a resolution in support of the bill. These letters were to be approved, signed and sent to Chairman Meacham on Wednesday, March 28, 1984. (Attachments 3 and 4)

Mr. Richard Funk represented the Kansas Association of School Boards. He spoke in favor of the bill and offered help in working for the appropriations necessary. Copies of his testimony were provided for the Committee. (Attachment 5)

Mr. Jim Hayes of the Budget Division, Department of Administration, expressed some questions regarding the legislative intent of the bill. He noted that the Public Television Board had been without staff since October of 1980 and had not been funded to carry out any of its statutory responsibilities since that time. The current statutory responsibilities of the Board are developing public television in the unserved areas of the state and providing any financial assistance the legislature might appropriate for the operation of existing stations. He said that after the development of several plans for extending public television throughout the state during the 1970's, the legislature was not able to agree on the best method, and ended discussion of that section of the Board's statutory responsibilities. Mr. Hayes noted that both the original and substitute bills appeared to add significant responsibilities to the Board, beyond what it currently is charged with and what it currently is not accomplishing. He pointed out that in the fiscal note it is not clear exactly what the scope of this responsibility is, and perhaps the Board would need some staff to do some of this work. It was his understanding that KAPSET would be the agency to provide the expertise in this area.

Mr. Hayes stated that the Public Television Board is made up of the Secretary of Administration, the Executive Officer of the Board of Regents and the Commissioner of Education; two of those jobs have turned over since the Board last met in October, 1983. The Board has not met and has not elected a chairman--thus it has no formal position on this bill. He said that since the original bill was introduced, the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Department of Administration budget had put \$50,000 into the appropriation. Mr. Hayes felt that the bill would appear to describe a decision-making process on the part of the Board, indicating that the Board would have to meet. Particularly in the original version of the bill, the Board would have to decide with what educational institution it was going to contract to supply these services, and perhaps the Board would serve as a forum for discussion of the specific courses to be required and how the \$50,000 would best be spent. He was not sure that without staff assistance, the individual members would be equipped to deal with those questions. He noted that they certainly were not equipped to deal with the current statutory mandates of planning, etc. He commented that KAPSET was not mentioned in the original bill or the substitute bill, and that if KAPSET was intended to make the decisions for the program, one option for the legislature could be to appropriate \$50,000 to KAPSET and leave the Public Television Board out of it.

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Chairman Meacham noted that this Committee heard testimony during the interim that \$50,000 would buy approximately two courses on the three Kansas based stations for two semesters. The Public Television Board Subcommittee put \$50,000 in the budget for educational television, which would buy air time, with the acquisition costs of the courses, etc. being divided amongst the participating institutions. He pointed out that the Department of Administration Subcommittee put money in the budget for a special projects employee in the office of the Secretary, which may alleviate some of the difficulties. He did not feel that anyone in the legislature would want to recommend staff for the Public Television Board, at least for this year, although that might be a meritorious idea if a statewide network should be built in the future. He noted that the \$50,000 was allocated to see how well the participating institutions could do it without additional state resources.

Mr. Hayes called attention to the provision of the bill permitting the Board to charge fees and said that it might be appropriate to establish a revolving fund.

Dr. Dale Anderson of KTWU/Washburn University, commented that the bill was a good start. He felt that KAPSET was very dedicated to this project and that the whole scheme was very workable.

Chairman Meacham noted that at least three amendments needed to be made to the draft of the substitute bill. Community colleges needed to be included in New Section 1, page 2, paragraph (c); page 4, paragraph (b) and page 7, in all of paragraph (c), because the initial version of the bill did not include community colleges at all. He said that in visiting with Dr. Merle Hill, legislative liaison for the community colleges, and a number of representatives of community colleges, as well as a number of legislators who have community colleges in their districts, an agreement was reached that community colleges would be included. It was agreed that the community colleges would be allowed to receive the tuition that the students paid and that they would be allowed to receive state aid, but that they would not ask the counties to pay the out-district aid that they traditionally pay for students from other counties--this provision would apply only to television courses. Since the district aid is not included in the draft, the Chairman felt that a conceptual amendment should be made to include community colleges on page 2, and to change the language so that state aid entitlement could be paid on the basis of instructional courses on television on page 4 and page 7. Representative Green so moved. Representative Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Friedeman moved that the substitute for House Bill 3080 be amended into House Bill 3080 and that the bill be recommended favorably for passage. Representative Green seconded the motion. Representative Green asked about a statement regarding inclusion of the private colleges that might want to be included if they pay the bill, as mentioned by Mr. Adkins. Chairman Meacham stated that he would try to make that provision, as well as the fee fund when the bill is taken up in Ways and Means Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Representative Friedeman moved and Representative Sallee seconded that the minutes of February 28 and March 1 be approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 3081

By Committee on Communication, Computers and Technology

AN ACT relating to centers of excellence at institutions of higher education under the supervision and management of the state board of regents; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, for Kansas state university, Wichita state university and the university of Kansas; providing certain exemptions, authorizing certain transfers, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts and disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. There are hereby established centers of excellence for the purposes of enhancing research and development in areas of high technology at Kansas state university, Wichita state university and the university of Kansas. In accordance with appropriations acts, the legislature shall provide for the support and continuity of faculty and other personnel assigned to centers of excellence and for the continuity of operations thereof. It is the intent of the legislature that of the appropriations made for state educational institutions under the supervision and control of the state board of regents and for centers of excellence at such institutions, at least 1/3 of such appropriations shall be for the faculty and other personnel of the centers of excellence and that the remaining appropriations shall be for the operating expenditures of the centers of excellence as determined by such institutions, except that at least 1/2 of such remaining amount shall be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by amounts received from nongovernmental sources for the centers of excellence at such institutions, as prescribed by appropriations acts of the legislature.

Sec. 2. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, appropriations are hereby made, restrictions and limitations are hereby imposed, and transfers, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing are hereby directed or authorized as provided in this act.

Sec. 3.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

(a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general fund the following:

Salaries and wages..... \$70,000

Provided, That expenditures from this account for state officers and employees assigned to centers of excellence shall not be less than \$70,000.

Centers of excellence..... 140,000

Provided, That expenditures may be made from this account for supplemental salaries and wages support, support for research assistants and laboratory and equipment support: Provided, however, That expenditures from this account shall not exceed \$70,000 except upon being matched by an equal amount of expenditures from the centers of excellence matching fund, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, of moneys received from nongovernmental sources and credited to that fund.

Total..... \$210,000

Sec. 4.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

(a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general fund the following:

Salaries and wages..... \$70,000

Provided, That expenditures from this account for state officers and employees assigned to centers of excellence shall not be less than \$70,000.

Centers of excellence..... 140,000

Provided, That expenditures may be made from this account for supplemental salaries and wages support, support for research assistants and laboratory and equipment support: Provided, however, That expenditures from this account shall not exceed \$70,000 except upon being matched by an equal amount of expenditures from the centers of excellence matching fund, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, of moneys received from nongovernmental sources and credited to that fund.

Total..... \$210,000

Sec. 5.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

(a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general fund the following:

Salaries and wages..... \$70,000

Provided, That expenditures from this account for state officers and employees assigned to centers of excellence shall not be less than \$70,000.

Centers of excellence..... 140,000

Provided, That expenditures may be made from this account for supplemental salaries and wages support, support for research assistants and laboratory and equipment support: Provided, however, That expenditures from this account shall not exceed \$70,000 except upon being matched by an equal amount of expenditures from the centers of excellence matching fund, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, of moneys received from nongovernmental sources and credited to that fund.

Total..... \$210,000

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1984, and its publication in the statute book.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Communication, Computers and Technology

Recommends that House Bill No. 3081

"AN ACT relating to centers of excellence at institutions of higher education under the supervision and management of the state board of regents; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1985, June 30, 1986, June 30, 1987, June 30, 1988, and June 30, 1989, for Kansas state university, university of Kansas, university of Kansas medical center and Wichita state university; providing certain exemptions, authorizing certain transfers, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts and disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing."

Be amended by substituting a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 3081," as follows:

"Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 3081

By Committee on Communication, Computers and Technology

"AN ACT relating to centers of excellence at institutions of higher education under the supervision and management of the state board of regents; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, for Kansas state university, Wichita state university and the university of Kansas; providing certain exemptions, authorizing certain transfers, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts and disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing."

And the substitute bill, which affects state moneys, be passed;

And this report and these recommendations be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 903(b) of the Rules of the House.

Chairperson

Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 3080

By Committee on Communication, Computers and Technology

AN ACT concerning the acquisition and broadcast of instructional and educational television courses for use by postsecondary educational institutions; disallowing out-district tuition and out-district state aid for such courses; requiring certain reports; amending K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 13-13a26, 13-13a28, 71-301 and 71-607 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) Subject to the provisions of appropriations acts, the Kansas public television board may enter into contracts for the acquisition of instructional or educational television courses and for broadcast of such courses by public television stations for use by one or more postsecondary educational institutions. The board may designate a postsecondary educational institution to act as the agent of the board with vendors and distributors for the acquisition of such courses in the name of the board and to provide other services related to acquisition and broadcast of such courses. In accordance with applicable contracts and the provisions of appropriations acts, the board may recover all or part of the costs incurred for the acquisition and broadcast of such courses from postsecondary educational institutions. Contracts entered into under this section shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3738 to 75-3744, inclusive, and amendments thereto.

(b) Each postsecondary educational institution shall report for each semester the number of students enrolled in instructional or educational television courses acquired and broadcast under this section, the number of credit hours of such enrollments, the number of students who complete such courses and

the number of credit hours of such completed courses. Each community college and Washburn university of Topeka shall report such information to the state board of education. All other postsecondary educational institutions shall report such information to the state board of regents.

(c) As used in this section "postsecondary educational institution" means Washburn university of Topeka or any institution under the control and supervision of the state board of regents.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 13-13a26 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-13a26. (a) The board of regents of a municipal university, in accordance with rules and regulations of the state board, shall determine and collect an amount of out-district tuition to be charged for each student attending the municipal university whose residence is outside of the municipal university district.

(b) The board of levy of any taxing subdivision charged with payment of out-district tuition shall levy a tax on all of the taxable property of the taxing subdivision sufficient to pay all out-district tuition charges authorized by this act.

(c) The proceeds from the tax levied under authority of this section shall be deposited in a special fund for payment of out-district tuition. Upon receiving a statement of charges for out-district tuition the board of levy shall allow and pay the same promptly from the special fund. In the event there is insufficient or no money in the special fund, out-district tuition shall be paid from the general fund of the taxing subdivision or from the proceeds of the sale of no-fund warrants issued for the purpose of the payment of out-district tuition. The total out-district tuition charged by a municipal university shall be an amount equal to the number of duly enrolled out-district students times the amount for each credit hour of each such duly enrolled out-district student which is authorized to be charged to and collected from counties for each credit hour of duly enrolled out-district students under the provisions of

K.S.A. 71-301, and amendments thereof. The limitations relating to maximum credit hours from institutions of postsecondary education which apply to students for the purpose of determination of the rate of out-district tuition to be charged to and collected from counties under the provisions of K.S.A. 71-301, and amendments thereof, shall apply to students for such purpose under the provisions of this section. No out-district tuition may be charged or collected for credit hours for any institutional or educational television courses broadcast for use by postsecondary institutions under section 1.

(d) Expenditures for out-district tuition shall be exempt from the budget law of this state to the extent of such payments not anticipated in the budget of the taxing subdivision.

(e) Taxes levied by counties under the authority of this section shall not be subject to or within the limitations upon the levy of taxes imposed under the provisions of K.S.A. 79-5001 to 79-5016, inclusive, and any amendments of such sections. The levy of taxes and the payment of out-district tuition by counties required under the provisions of this section shall not be subject to the exercise of home rule by counties under the provisions of article 1 of chapter 19 of Kansas Statutes Annotated. Counties shall have no power to exempt from, or effect changes in, the provisions of this section.

(f) Taxes levied by townships under the authority of this section shall be in addition to all other tax levies authorized or limited by law and shall not be subject to or within the aggregate tax levy limit prescribed by K.S.A. 79-1962.

(g) In May of each fiscal year, the board of regents shall notify each board of levy of the approximate amount of out-district tuition which will be charged to the taxing subdivision in the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 13-13a28 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-13a28. (a) (1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, a municipal university shall be entitled to receive out-district state aid payments in amounts determined as

provided in this section. From reports and information provided by the municipal university, and from such additional audits and investigations as are conducted by the state department of education, the state board shall determine the amount of out-district tuition a municipal university is entitled to bill to taxing subdivisions each year, and the entitlement to out-district state aid of the municipal university shall be an amount equal thereto plus an amount equal to the amount of out-district tuition disallowed under the provisions of K.S.A. 13-13a31 and amendments thereto.

(b) No out-district state aid entitlement shall be based upon credit hours in any subject, course or program the principal part of which is instruction at a location outside of the municipal university district, unless the location of such subject, course or program is specifically authorized by the state board. No out-district state aid entitlement shall be based on any instructional or educational television courses broadcast for use by postsecondary institutions under section 1.

(c) Out-district tuition and out-district state aid shall be based only upon enrollments within the credit hour limitations specified in K.S.A. 71-301, and amendments thereof, and only upon enrollments of students who are residents of the state of Kansas.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 71-301 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-301. (a) (1) Subject to provision (2), the board of trustees shall charge to and collect from each student tuition at rates per credit hour enrolled which shall be established at an amount not less than \$10 per credit hour and not more than \$15 per credit hour.

(2) The board of trustees may charge to and collect from each student who resides within a federal military reservation tuition at rates per credit hour enrolled which shall be established at an amount not less than \$31 per credit hour and not more than \$36 per credit hour.

(b) The board of trustees, in accordance with rules and

regulations of the state board, shall determine and collect an amount of out-district tuition to be charged for each student attending the community college whose residence is outside of the community college district. The board of county commissioners of any county charged with payment of out-district tuition shall levy a tax on all of the taxable property of the county sufficient to pay all out-district tuition charges authorized by this act. The proceeds from the tax levied under authority of this section shall be deposited in a special fund for payment of out-district tuition. Upon receiving a statement of charges for out-district tuition the board of county commissioners shall allow and pay the same promptly from the special fund. In the event there is insufficient or no money in the special fund, out-district tuition shall be paid from the county general fund or from the proceeds of the sale of no-fund warrants issued for the purpose of the payment of out-district tuition.

(c) The total out-district tuition charged by a community college shall be an amount equal to the number of duly enrolled out-district students times the amount specified in this subsection for each credit hour of each such student:

(1) Twenty-one dollars and fifty cents in the 1983 fiscal year.

(2) Twenty-two dollars in the 1984 fiscal year and in fiscal years thereafter.

(d) Out-district tuition shall only be charged for credit hours of students if such students, as determined by the state board, have not more than 64 credit hours from any institution of postsecondary education or the students have not more than 72 credit hours and are enrolled in terminal type nursing courses or freshman-sophomore level preengineering courses. No out-district tuition may be charged or collected for credit hours for any instructional or educational television courses broadcast for use by postsecondary institutions under section 1.

(e) In May of each fiscal year, the board of trustees shall notify the board of county commissioners of the approximate

amount of out-district tuition which will be charged to the county in the succeeding fiscal year.

(f) Expenditures for out-district tuition shall be exempt from the budget law of this state to the extent of such payments not anticipated in the budget of the county. Taxes levied by counties under the authority of this section shall not be subject to or within the limitations upon the levy of taxes imposed under the provisions of K.S.A. 79-5001 to 79-5016, inclusive, and any amendments of such sections.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 71-607 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-607. (a) In addition to credit hour state aid entitlement, each community college shall be entitled to receive out-district state aid payments in amounts determined as provided in this section. From reports and information provided by each community college, and from such additional audits and investigations as are conducted by the state department of education, the state board shall determine the amount of out-district tuition each community college is entitled to bill to counties each year, and the entitlement to out-district state aid of each community college shall be an amount equal thereto plus (1) an amount equal to the amount of out-district tuition disallowed under the provisions of K.S.A. 71-304 and amendments thereto, and (2) an amount equal to the number of duly enrolled out-of-state and foreign students considered bona fide residents of the state under the provisions of K.S.A. 71-618 and amendments thereto times the amounts specified in subsection (c) of K.S.A. ~~1982-Supp.~~ 71-301, and amendments thereto, for each credit hour of each such duly enrolled student if such student, as determined by the state board, qualifies as an out-district student for the purpose of determination of the amount of out-district state aid entitlement.

(b) Out-district state aid payments shall be made only for credit hours of students specified in provision (2) of subsection (a) if such students, as determined by the state board, have not more than 64 credit hours from any institution of postsecondary

education or the students have not more than 72 credit hours and are enrolled in terminal type nursing courses or freshman-sophomore level preengineering courses.

(c) No out-district state aid entitlement shall be based on any instructional or educational television courses broadcast for use by postsecondary institutions under section 1.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 13-13a26, 13-13a28, 71-301 and 71-607 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Communication, Computers and Technology

Recommends that House Bill No. 3080

"AN ACT concerning the Kansas public television board; relating to acquisition and broadcast of instructional and educational television courses for use by postsecondary educational institutions; financial assistance to public television stations; amending K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-4910 and repealing the existing section."

Be amended by substituting a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 3080," as follows:

"Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 3080

By Committee on Communication, Computers and Technology

"AN ACT concerning the acquisition and broadcast of instructional and educational television courses for use by postsecondary educational institutions; disallowing out-district tuition for such courses; requiring certain reports; amending K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 13-13a26, 13-13a28, 71-301 and 71-607 and repealing the existing sections."

And the substitute bill, which affects state moneys, be passed;

And this report and these recommendations be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 903(b) of the Rules of the House.

Chairperson



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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MARCH 26, 1984

Rep. Mike Meacham
Chairman, House Committee on Computers, Communication, and Technology
State Capitol
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Rep. Meacham:

I want to take this opportunity to strongly voice my support for House Bill 3080. The acquisition and broadcast of instructional and educational television courses is an important step in extending the availability of educational opportunities to all Kansas citizens.

Being the president of a community college in Western Kansas I am aware of several factors which often preclude student involvement in college courses. With a service area of hundreds of square miles the distance between the potential student and the main college campus buildings are great. The cost for transportation and the time involved in driving to and from the main campus can become prohibitive. I believe that many of these Kansas citizens would avail themselves of the opportunity to extend their educational training if television courses were broadcast to their homes.

With our changing society the role of colleges must extend beyond the initial training of young people. A new responsibility has arisen of retraining older adults who have been displaced due to changing job conditions. Some adults need additional education in order to maintain or upgrade in their profession. The broadcast of television courses would be one of several methods to address this new lifelong learning need.

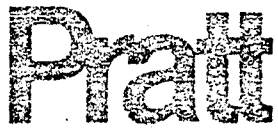
Kansas citizens need this new method for delivery of college courses. Many different and flexible methods are needed in order to ensure the equal opportunity of all Kansas citizens to an education.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Gwaltney
President

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House Communications, Computers and Technology



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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MARCH 26, 1984

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kansas Community Colleges are charged with the responsibility to offer educational opportunities for Kansas citizens within their service areas.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that various factors such as the expense and time to commute to the main college campus are major inhibiting factors precluding some Kansas citizens from taking advantage of those offered educational opportunities.

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that television broadcast of college classes is a means to reach those Kansas citizens who would have been prevented from taking those college courses otherwise.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pratt Community College Board of Trustees wholly supports House Bill 3080 which will support the acquisition and broadcast of instructional and educational television courses.

Sincerely,

Gary Barker
Board Chairman

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House Communications, Computers and Technology

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Testimony on H.B. 3080

by

Richard S. Funk, Assistant Executive Director
Kansas Association of School Boards

before the

House Communication, Computers and Technology Committee

March 26, 1984

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to appear before you on behalf of the 300 member boards of education which comprise the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Our Delegate Assembly this past November took action to adopt a resolution supporting legislation that would develop a state-wide educational television network in Kansas. For that reason, we support H.B. 3080.

We believe H.B. 3080 will begin the process whereby unserved areas in Kansas will begin to receive service by way of an interconnecting system using translator stations. We also feel that it would be beneficial to the school districts of Kansas to have public television stations develop a relationship with some of Kansas' fine postsecondary educational institutions.

We ask this Committee to favorably recommend H.B. 3080 for passage and to work for the necessary appropriations.

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House Communications, Computers and Technology