

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 March 19, 1984 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Reinhardt, Laird, Hensley and Leach, who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research  
Dale Dennis, State Department of Education  
Judy Crapser, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Cille King, Kansas State Architecture's Office  
John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards  
Jerry Schreiner, United School Administrators

The Chairman opened the meeting with the hearing for SB 391 which updates the code standards for school building construction.

Cille King, Kansas State Architecture's Office, testified in support of SB 391. She stated that her office highly recommends updating the codes as it is difficult to deal with the conflicts between the present statutes and the new building codes. She added that the contractors use the most recent codes in building regardless of which department of the State they are working for. Ms King reviewed Keith Blair's testimony from the 1983 session, Mr. Blair is the architect for the Department of Education. He had highly recommended the new codes also, referring to the conflict with counties and cities codes. Ms King did request one update amendment to SB 391. That would be to update the national electric code of the national fire protection association from 1981 to 1984. The change in the electrical code is the only change they are requesting.

John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards, testified in support of SB 391. He stated that there might be a problem with using the 1984 code conceivably creating a number of problems, similar to when the last change went into effect. It is imperative for the local districts to make reference to specific codes in the letting of their bids and since some are in that process at this time, they would have a number of problems, especially if 1984 codes were specified. It was pointed out during questioning that the date on line 62 should be changed to July 1, 1984.

The hearing for SB 391 was concluded, the hearing for SB 476 was opened.

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research member on staff, briefed the committee on SB 476 which originally proposed to extend the probation in due process from two years to six years. This bill was a result of the interim study, Re Proposal No. 18. The bill was amended in the Senate, and is now a three year probationary period.

Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes' Office on staff, informed the committee that today the Senate Education Committee took action on HB 2738 and amended SB 476 into that bill. The action by that committee was as a result of a compromise between Kansas Association of School Boards and Kansas-National Education Association.

John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards, testified in support of SB 476. He stated that they have long been supporters of an extended probationary period, benefiting both the teachers and the school boards.

Jerry Schreiner, United School Administrators, testified in support of SB 476. He stated that an extension of the probationary period would help develop more effective support methods. He added that they felt a four year period would be better, resulting in a more seasoned staff. Dr. Schreiner also stated that they feel HB 2738 and SB 476 are two separate issues and should be handled as such. USA is opposed to inclusion of these two issues in the same legislation.

Craig Grant, Kansas-National Education Association, had asked to testify on SB 476, but due to the storm was stranded out of state and would submit written testimony at tomorrow's meeting.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,

room 526-S, Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on March 19, 1984

The Chairman informed the committee that the bill sponsor of HCR 5073 was also snowed in at Salina and unable to be in attendance at today's meeting. Therefore, HCR 5073, which was scheduled for hearings today, would be held on Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 4:12 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be March 20, 1984 at 3:30 p.m.

