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Stephen R. Cloud
Date 2-29-84

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud at
Chairperson

9:07 a.m./p.m. on February 27, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Louis - Excused

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman - Revisor
Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research Department
Jackie Breymeyer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Day Kaufmann - Executive Secretary, Kansas Hearing Aid Association
Dorothea Klein - Chairperson, Board Of Examiners For Hearing Aids

The meeting of the House Governmental Organization Committee was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman. The minutes of the February 21 meeting were approved as corrected. The minutes of the February 14 and 16 were approved. The minutes of February 23 were distributed.

HB 2851 - Hearing aid examiners, licensure requirements, audiometer recalibration

Day Kaufmann, Executive Secretary, Kansas Hearing Aid Association, stated that there are 106 members in this association in Kansas and surrounding states. The concerns he expressed with HB 2851 were the residency requirement, which is being stricken, the lowering of the age from 21 to 18, and the language with respect to having the audiometric testing equipment recalibrated within a two-year period. He would support the bill if these concerns would be addressed.

Dorothea Klein, Chairperson, Board Of Examiners For Hearing Aids, told of the reasons why these concerns had been voiced. Kansas does have reciprocity with other states, but some states do not have as stringent standards as Kansas does. With regard to the age being lowered Ms. Klein said that there are some 'slick little salesmen' who can go out during the summer months and sell hearing aids but when they return to college, their commitment ends. The sale of these really entails years of follow through so as to have contact with someone in the business if any problem arises. Ms. Klein would like to see the word "recalibrated" in the bill changed to the words "in calibration". She said that the Board is made up of 5 persons, appointed by the Governor. There is continuing education in the form of one written exam and three orals preceeding a license. The cost is \$25 for a certificate of license and \$12.50 for a temporary one. The license is renewable each year. She said that it is impossible to hire an inspector to travel from one end of the state to another because when they are out on their own business they are extremely hard to find. HB 2851 is patterned after Missouri and it has been working well in that state. She would like to see the wording changed to 'in calibration'.

As there were no other conferees, the chairman stated that this constituted the public hearing on HB 2851.

HB 2959 - Kansas small business procurement act, extending expiration date

Rep. Love stated that this bill that extends the date allows small business to compete and bid for some of the contracts let by the state. He introduced Sen. McCray, who initiated this act in 1978. He said there are 9,000 contractors who do business with the state. There are 3,000 small business contractors. This bill just gives those small business contractors a chance to bid against each other on those set-asides. When SB 766 was enacted in 1978, it was being watched to see how it would work and it has been working very well. The Director of Purchasing and the Department of Administration worked with the bill sponsors. Small business is doing more than 10% with the State. Minority business is still only about .36 of 1%. HB 2960 is the companion bill that speaks to changing the set-aside. This will hopefully get minority business more actively involved in the procurement of contracts with the State of Kansas. HB 2959 will extend the Kansas small business procurement act, or takes off the sunset, while HB 2960 speaks directly to the amendment and addresses the problem of touching those very small entrepreneurs.

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.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION,
room 522-S, Statehouse, at 9:07 a.m./p.m. on February 27, 1984

The Chairman stated that this constituted the public hearing on HB 2959.

Phil Anderson, Budget Analyst, Kansas Board For Fitting and Dispensing Of Hearing Aids, answered a question from Rep. Ramirez. He stated that Ms. Klein is paid \$2,000 a year, while other Board members receive per diem pay.

Avis Swartzman, Revisor, read from Kansas Statutes Annotated that the penalty for violation of the license is \$50 to \$200; 10 days or not more than 30 days and a repeat violation is \$200 to \$500 and 3 months or not more than 1 year or both. This 1968 law has not been amended.

The Committee turned to the Subcommittee "C" Report.

Professional Teaching Standards Advisory Board, along with the School Administrator Professional Standards Advisory Board - be abolished - remain in HB 2619. (The subcommittee recommends that these two boards be consolidated and a new board created to perform the combined duties and functions.

Professional Teaching Practices Commission - retain the Commission; strike from HB 2619.

Advisory Council of Community Colleges - retained; strike from HB 2619.

Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools - abolish - keep in HB 2619.

John Peterson, Kansas Association of Private Career Schools, spoke briefly to the Committee and gave the view of the Association on why it should remain in existence. This includes any type of school that trains people for a job, or employment. The nine member board consists of persons representing the public and industry, counselors etc.who feel that the Board is vitally important for an exchange of information and answering a variety of questions. A school cannot be sold until the Board is notified. After a few more comments, Mr. Peterson ended his talk.

Technical Advisory Committee on the Assessment-Sales Ratio Study - be retained - keep in the bill. This Committee is made up of three faculty members of three regent institutions. They would like to keep this designation as it lends weight when tesitfying in a court of law and gives it more formality.

Advisory Commission to the Department of Economic Development - retain - strike from HB 2619. Secretary Schwartz asked the Commission be retained as it will pay an important role, especially if certain legislation passes this session.

Rep. Harder moved that the Subcommittee "C" Report be adopted. Rep. Matlack gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

February 24, 1984

TO: House Governmental Organization Committee
FROM: Subcommittee C
RE: School Administrator Professional Standards Advisory Board

Pursuant to its review of H.B. 2619, the Subcommittee makes the following recommendations concerning the School Administrator Professional Standards Advisory Board:

1. The School Administrator Professional Standards Board should be abolished, effective July 1, 1984. The duties and functions of this Board should be consolidated with the duties and functions of the Professional Teaching Standards Advisory Board (which is also recommended for abolition by the Subcommittee), and a new board should be created to perform the combined duties and functions. However, at this time the Subcommittee does not recommend specific legislation to bring about the consolidation.
2. The Subcommittee reviewed a report which also recommends that the School Administrator Professional Standards Advisory Board's functions be combined with the Professional Teaching Standards Advisory Board's functions. This action has been recommended by the State Department of Education staff and considered by the State Board of Education at its January and February, 1984 meetings, but a decision has been postponed to the Board's March, 1984 meeting. Additional Subcommittee recommendations are made under its report on the Professional Teaching Standards Advisory Board.

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Representative Stephen Cloud
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Representative Ardena Matlack
Representative Dale Sprague

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TO: House Governmental Organization Committee
FROM: Subcommittee C
RE: Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Pursuant to its review of H.B. 2619, the Subcommittee makes the following recommendations concerning the Professional Teaching Practices Commission:

1. The Professional Teaching Practices Commission should be continued in existence and, thus, deleted from H.B. 2619. Although the Commission has been underutilized in the past, the Subcommittee believes that it should play a more active role and that the State Board of Education is moving in that direction. The Subcommittee would note a State Department of Education staff report of February 14, 1984, to the State Board of Education which outlines recommended changes for the Commission.
2. The Subcommittee recommends that a reconstituted Commission not to exceed 11 members and that no State Department of Education staff should be voting members of the reconstituted Commission. Currently, there are 16 members of the Commission. The Commission exercises disciplinary and advisory functions and makes recommendations to the State Board of Education about cases involving the issuance, continuance, suspension, revocation, or reinstatement of teachers' and administrators' certificates.

Legislation will be needed to implement the proposed changes, but the Subcommittee is aware that the State Board of Education is scheduled to consider changes at its March meeting. The Subcommittee defers action pending the Board's possible decision to reconstitute the Commission.

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2. The Subcommittee recommends that a single Professional Educators Standards Advisory Board be created to advise the State Board of Education regarding standards for initial preparation, continued professional development, and certification of both teachers and administrators. The Subcommittee notes that several years ago both groups were combined under one board. The new Board should have no more than 19 members and two members should be representatives of the general public. The Subcommittee recommends equal representation between administrators and teachers, but makes no recommendations about the types of other members at this time. A report from the Department of Education staff to the State Board of Education dated February 14, 1984, proposes consolidation of the two boards and addresses certain categories of representation, but the State Board of Education deferred action until its March, 1984 meeting. Legislation to implement consolidation of the two boards will be needed, but none is recommended by the Subcommittee at this time.

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TO: House Governmental Organization Committee
FROM: Subcommittee C
RE: Advisory Council of Community Colleges

Pursuant to its review of H.B. 2619, the Subcommittee makes the following recommendations concerning the Advisory Council of Community Colleges:

1. The Advisory Council of Community Colleges should be continued in existence and, thus deleted from H.B. 2619. The Council apparently fulfills a valuable function in assisting the State Board of Education in matters related to planning for postsecondary education.

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TO: House Governmental Organization Committee
FROM: Subcommittee C
RE: Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools

Pursuant to its review of H.B. 2619, the Subcommittee makes the following recommendations concerning the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools:

1. The Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools should be abolished, effective July 1, 1984. It appears that the Commission was active in the 1970s and made recommendations about implementing the Kansas Proprietary School Act and developing rules to implement the legislation. In FY 1982 the Commission met once and in FY 1983 twice, but there was a lack of a quorum at one meeting. The Subcommittee believes that the Commission played a valuable role in the 1970s to help implement a new law, but the advisory function is no longer needed.

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TO: House Governmental Organization Committee
FROM: Subcommittee C
RE: Technical Advisory Committee on the Assessment-Sales
Ratio Study

Pursuant to its review of H.B. 2619, the Subcommittee makes the following recommendations concerning the Technical Advisory Committee on the Assessment-Sales Ratio Study:

1. The Technical Advisory Committee on the Assessment-Sales Ratio Study should be continued in existence and, thus, be deleted from H.B. 2619. The Committee provides expert advice on statistical questions to both the Director of Property Valuation and the courts. The Committee tends not to meet often, but when the occasion does arise in which the expertise of the three Regents' university faculty members is needed, they provide an important service to the state at minimal expense.

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TO: House Governmental Organization Committee
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RE: Advisory Commission to the Department of Economic
Development

Pursuant to its review of H.B. 2619, the Subcommittee makes the following recommendations concerning the Advisory Commission to the Department of Economic Development:

1. The Advisory Commission to the Department of Economic Development should be continued in existence and, thus, deleted from H.B. 2619. The Commission has the potential to play an important role in economic development, especially if certain legislation passes this session, and the Subcommittee urges the Secretary to utilize the Commission in this regard. The Secretary should seek cost-effective ways in which the members may participate in meetings and should strive to reduce the funding allocated in the Department's budget for the Commission.

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