

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR JOSEPH C. HARDER at
CONTINUATION OF 1:30 PM MEETING Chairperson

3:15 ~~am~~/p.m. on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 19⁸⁴ in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Mr. Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Avis Swartzman, Legislative Revisor's Office
Mrs. Millie Randell, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

After Chairman Joseph C. Harder reconvened the Senate Education Committee meeting, he called upon Senator Kerr to restate the motion he had made prior to the Committee's recess earlier in the day. Senator Kerr stated that his motion was to amend SB 626 by setting the USD budget increase limits at five to ten percent and by allowing the local school districts the option for one year only to use the interest earned on idle moneys in the general fund for enhancing teachers' salaries over and above their budget limits. This motion had been seconded by Senator Winter.

Senator McCray then offered a substitute motion to recommend SB 617 favorably for passage. This motion was seconded by Senator Parrish, but the motion did not carry.

When the Chairman called for a vote on the primary motion, Senator Winter offered a substitute motion to set the USD budget limits at six and ten percent and to allow the local school districts the option for one year only to use the interest earned on idle moneys in the capital outlay funds, as well as interest earned on idle moneys in the general fund, for enhancing teachers' salaries over and above their budget limits. This motion was seconded by Senator Rehorn, but the motion failed.

When the Chairman referred the Committee's attention to the primary motion by Senator Kerr, a substitute motion was made by Senator Angell to allow USD's the option to transfer principal moneys from their capital outlay funds into their general funds with the condition that they remain within their budget limits. This was seconded by Senator Parrish. When the Revisor of Statutes stated that she thought this would be unconstitutional, Senator Angell amended his substitute motion. Senator Angell's new motion was to disallow USD's to use capital outlay funds for new, original building construction. This was seconded by Senator Parrish, but the motion did not carry.

When the Chairman referred the Committee's attention to the primary motion made by Senator Kerr, the motion carried.

Senator Kerr then moved that SB 626, as amended, be recommended favorably for passage. This was seconded by Senator Winter, and the motion carried.

Senator Bogina then moved that SB 617 be reported adversely. This was seconded by Senator Allen, and the motion carried. Senator McCray requested that his nay vote be recorded.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.