

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR JOSEPH C. HARDER at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~ xxx/p.m. on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1984 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Allen, excused

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:

SB 616 - School districts, transfers from general fund to captial outlay fund, authority rescinded (Education)

Proponents:

Mr. Bob Wootton, Office of the Governor

Opponents:

Dr. Jerry Schreiner, Executive Director, United School Administrators
Mr. John Koepke, Executive Director, Kansas Association of School Boards

Following a call to order by Chairman Joseph C. Harder, Senator Warren moved, and Senator Parrish seconded the motion to approves minutes of the Committee meetings of February 1 and February 2. The motion carried.

The Chairman then told the Committee that Mr. Nelson Hartman, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, at the Committee's request, was present to respond to questions regarding the association's efforts to relegate the activities it regulates to a truly extracurricular status. Mr. Hartman assured the Committee that all possible efforts were being made to achieve this goal. The Chairman inquired as to how the legislature can assist in these efforts and stated that he would prefer a resolution rather than a mandate for purposes of assisting KSHSAA to reestablish its priorities regarding the amount of school time students and teachers spend on extracurricular activities regulated by the KSHSAA. The Chairman thanked Mr. Hartman for his attendance.

SB 616 - Mr. Bob Wootton, speaking on behalf of the Governor, testified for SB 616 which, he said, prohibits transfer of funds from the general fund into the capital outlay fund. Mr. Wootton stated that districts already have authority to levy funds for capital outlay and opposes transfer of such funds that might otherwise be used to augment teachers' salaries.

Dr. Jerry Schreiner testified in opposition to SB 616 and said the stricken language further restricts the flexibility of USD's to make decisions regarding budget considerations. Dr. Schreiner urged the Committee to retain the wording of the present statute.

Mr. John Koepke testified in oppostion to SB 616, and his testimony is found in Attachment 1.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Jerry Schreier	Topeka	USA
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<i>Orin C. Dummitt</i>	<i>Topeka</i>	<i>ASD 5817#</i>
<i>Ellen Zumbrow</i>	<i>Topeka</i>	<i>Ks. Action for Children</i>
<i>Dan Monahan</i>	<i>Plains</i>	<i>City of Plains</i>
<i>Carl Dean Holmes</i>	<i>Plains</i>	<i>City of Plains</i>
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Testimony on S.B. 616

before the
Senate Education Committee
February 14, 1984

by

John W. Koepke, Executive Director
Kansas Association of School Boards

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to once again present the views of our 300 member boards of education on important education legislation. S.B. 616 is another attempt to restrict the flexibility of local boards of education in dealing with budget considerations. We believe that any such additional restrictions are both unwise and unnecessary.

Just two years ago, the transfer authority from school district general funds was tightened significantly. As a result, in FY 83, only \$2.45 million was transferred from school district general funds to capital outlay in all Kansas school districts combined. In FY 84, only \$2.170 million is budgeted for transfer. This hardly seems either excessive or unreasonable.

In fact, this amount is significantly less than the amount of interest income which school districts will lose in FY 85 as the result of the passage of S.B. 503. We would urge the committee to leave intact the transfer authority of boards of education. Restricting that authority further would serve no useful purpose.

We thank you for the consideration you have given to our member's concerns.