Approved April 4, 1984
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

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

1:30 ~~a~~m./p.m. on THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 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:

HB 2730 - Schools, compulsory attendance of children (Education, by request)
Proponents:
Dr. Jerry Schreiner, Exectuve Director, United School Administrators
Mr. Austin Vincent, Topeka attorney

HB 2738 - Teachers, termination or nonrenewal of contracts thereof (Rolfs)
Proponents:
Mr. Craig Grant, Director of Political Action, K-NEA
Opponents:
Dr. Jerry Schreiner, Executive Director, United School Administrators
Mr. John Koepke, Executive Director, Kansas Association of School Boards

HB 2730 - Following a call to order by Chairman Joseph C. Harder, the Chairman called upon Dr. Jerry Schreiner to testify as a proponent of HB 2730. Dr. Schreiner stated that U.S.A. had requested the bill in its original form which would have changed the compulsory attendance age range from 7 to 16 to 6 to 16. He explained that the bill had been amended in the House to maintain the current compulsory attendance age and, also, to apply the compulsory attendance age to students enrolled in school but who are above or below the compulsory age range. Dr. Schreiner's rationale was that it is important to keep the students in school once they are enrolled so as to prevent the need for remedial work by those students at a later date.

Mr. Austin Vincent testified that he was in favor of HB 2730 as it was amended in the House. He said that he felt the bill, as amended, showed sensitivity for those parents who do not wish to enroll their children before the age of seven years.

Following the testimony by Mr. Vincent, the Chairman announced that the hearing on HB 2730 was concluded and that the bill would be taken under advisement.

HB 2738 - The Chairman recognized Mr. Craig Grant who testified for HB 2738. Mr. Grant explained that HB 2738 is a compromise bill dealing with the termination or non-renewal of a teacher contract. He explained how a due process hearing panel is chosen and then explained that HB 2738 would make a unanimous decision of the hearing panel binding upon the board. He urged the Committee to report the bill favorably for passage.

Dr. Jerry Schreiner testified in opposition to HB 2738, and his testimony is found in Attachment 1.

Vice Chairman Bogina, in the absence of the Chairman, then continued the hearing by recognizing Mr. John Koepke, who testified in opposition to HB 2738. Mr. Koepke stated that the issue in this bill is "Who is going to control the staffing patterns of the school districts of this state?" He maintained that the final decision following a hearing panel's recommendation should be made by the locally elected boards of education.

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room 254-E, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~a.m.~~/p.m. on THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1984.

Vice-Chairman Bogina announced that the hearing on HB 2738 was concluded.

The Vice-Chairman then called the Committee's attention to HB 2768 and asked the Committee's pleasure regarding this bill. Senator Allen moved to amend HB 2768 by changing to April 10 the deadline for the board's notification to the teacher of its intent not to renew the teacher's contract and to May 10 the deadline for the teacher to give written notice to the board that he or she does not wish to continue the contract. This was seconded by Senator Rehorn, and the amendment was adopted. Senator Allen then moved that HB 2768, as amended, be recommended favorably for passage. This was seconded by Senator Montgomery, and the motion carried.

When Vice-Chairman Bogina asked for the Committee's pleasure regarding HB 2730, no motion was made.

The Vice-Chairman then adjourned the meeting.

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TO: Senate Education Committee

FROM: Jerry O. Schreiner, Executive Director

DATE: March 15, 1984

SUBJECT: HB 2738, Teacher Due Process

The United School Administrators of Kansas has always supported due process at the local board level for all school employees.

The United School Administrators opposes HB 2738 which makes a hearing committee's unanimous decision binding on a board of education because the authority to make the final decision is given to a third party.

The proposal appears relatively harmless if you consider the number of instances in the past when a hearing committee's decision was unanimous. The precedent that would be established by enacting HB 2738 into law is the major concern of school administrators. Minor changes in teacher due process statutes will affect local decisions just as "minor changes" in the negotiations laws have effectively hindered the operations of local districts.

For these reasons, school administrators urge the Senate Education Committee to report HB 2738 adversely.

Attachment 1