

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Labor and Industry

The meeting was called to order by Representative Arthur Douville at
Chairperson

9:00 a.m. ~~p.m.~~ on February 6, 1985 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bideau, excused.

Committee staff present:

All present.

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mr. Bill Kauffman, Board of Regents

Chairman Douville said that the committee would start the hearings on H.B. 2013 with the proponents. The Chairman then called Mr. Bill Kauffman to the speakers stand. Mr. Kauffman reviewed the interim committee report with the committee members.

Mr. Kauffman said that the PEER Act was originated during 1970/71. It was based upon a model bill of the Advisory Committee with Intergovernmental Relations. Prior to this last summer there have been three interim studies concerning the PEER Act. Those studies occurred in 1971, 1974 and 1975. In 1975 the interim committee concluded that the act was confusing. They said the expectations exceeded the original intent of the legislature to provide a "meet and confer" process for public employees. Mr. Kauffman said that the impetus for the study this past summer was a request from the Secretary of Administration and the Kansas Board of Regents to study the law based upon the impact of the Supreme Court decision in the matter of the Pittsburg case. He said that the Kansas Supreme Court concluded, among other things, that the law is a hybrid. The interim committee characterized that the fundamental issue was a question of whether the law was a "meet and confer" law or a collective bargaining law. They concluded that based upon the Supreme Court decision that there is no doubt it is a collective bargaining law.

A lengthy question and answer session followed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Further testimony on H.B. 2013 will continue tomorrow.

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Wayne Marshall	"	"
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