

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1985 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:

SB 27 - School districts, adult education programs, levy authority subject to protest petition (Senator Allen)

Proponents:

Mr. Bob Becker, Adult Education Director, Ottawa  
Mr. Craig Grant, Director of Political Action, K-NEA  
Dr. Bill Curtis, Asst. Exec. Director, KASB

Following a call to order by the Chairman, Senator Arasmith moved and Senator Allen seconded a motion to approve minutes of the meetings of February 7 and February 12. The motion carried.

The Chairman then called upon Senator Allen, author of SB 27, who, in turn, introduced Mr. Robert Becker, Adult Education Director, Ottawa. Mr. Becker informed the Committee that he was speaking on behalf of the Kansas Adult Education Association. He said that the Association, at a meeting this past summer, agreed to support amending K.S.A. 72-4523 by proposing that school boards could levy up to one-half mill within their districts to be used for adult education programs. He stated that KASB is in support of this proposal and that it is similar to what community colleges are allowed to do. He added that it is subject to a protest petition by 5% of the qualified electors of the school district.

Mr. Craig Grant stated that Kansas-National Education Association is supportive of the concept of SB 27.

Dr. Bill Curtis stated that the Kansas Association of School Boards also supports the concept of SB 27.

In response to a question, Ms. Avis Swartzman, Legislative Revisor's Office, replied that the bill would eliminate the requirement of an election to approve the levy but said the levy would be subject to a protest petition.

Following testimony, Senator Allen moved that SB 27 be recommended favorably for passage. Senator Salisbury seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

When the Chairman called the Committee's attention to SB 11, Senator Montgomery made a motion to amend the bill by making the bill effective in the fall of 1986. The motion was seconded by Senator Karr, and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Karr then made a motion for a conceptual amendment which would clarify that the \$1,000 scholarships would be available to freshmen only beginning in the fall of 1986 and that the scholarships of the 1986 fall class of sophomores, juniors, and seniors would remain at the \$500 level throughout their remaining school years. Although the motion for a conceptual amendment was seconded by Senator Langworthy, the Chairman announced that further action on the bill would be taken at a later date.

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room 254-E, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1985.

SB 55 - The Chairman explained that although the Committee will not take action on SB 55 today, Dr. Merle Hill, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Community Colleges, was present to clarify the intent of the bill. Dr. Hill stated that the concept of SB 55 was to have a uniform mill levy at all of the Community Colleges, including Labette, Coffeyville, and Highland.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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