

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

1:30 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 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:

HB 2479 - Tax levy increase authorized for certain libraries.
(Local Government)

Proponents:

Dr. O. L. Plucker, Superintendent, USD 500, Kansas City, Kansas
Mr. Bob Johnson, Associate Director, USA

After calling the meeting to order, the Chairman recognized Dr. O. L. Plucker, Superintendent of Schools, USD 500, Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. Plucker explained that HB 2479 is strictly a local bill which applies only to the Kansas City, Kansas public library. Dr. Plucker stated that the library is unique, because it is owned, managed, and operated by the school district and funding for it is authorized by state statute. Dr. Plucker stated that the present four-mill levy limit makes it difficult, if not impossible, to fund the library. HB 2479, he explained, would authorize permission to increase the mill levy limit in increments of one fourth mill per year up to a total amount which shall not exceed six mills in any one year, subject to a referendum each time it is increased. Dr. Plucker told the Committee that the change in the mill levy limit is being requested by the Board of Education, Friends of the Library, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Wyandotte County Legislative Delegation and pointed out that it is not a matter of controversy within the local community. Dr. Plucker further explained that the district is in the process of building a new branch library in order to expand its service and that this, too, will cause an increase in operating expenses.

Mr. Bob Johnson, Associate Director, United School Administrators, said that HB 2479, which he supports, would afford an opportunity for school boards of education to improve their library services.

When the Chairman called for action on HB 2479, Senator Montgomery moved, and Senator Karr seconded the motion to recommend HB 2479 favorably for passage. The motion carried.

HB 2391 - The Chairman explained to the Commmttee that although Dr. John Gwaltney, President of Pratt Community College, was instrumental in requesting HB 2391, Dr. Gwaltney has since informed the Chairman of certain developments which cause him to reconsider his original request for the bill, and he is asking that the bill be held in Committee. The Committee then agreed by unanimous concensus to hold HB 2391 in Committee. The Chair, reminding the Committee that it had acted to amend the bill at a previous meeting, announced that the Committee's amendment to HB 2391 is now moot.

The Chair announced that the Committee will meet on Monday to hear several Senate Concurrent Resolutions, and he requested the subcommittee researching HB 2142 to report to the Committee at that time.

Senator Langworthy moved, and Senator Warren seconded the motion to approve minutes of March 25 and March 26. The motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TIME: 1:30 p.m. PLACE: 254-E DATE: Thursday, March 28, 1985

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