

Approved April 30, 1987
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

1:30 ~~xxx~~ a.m./p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 1987 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:

Sub.

HB 2102 - Powers and duties of state board of regents, creation of state committees on community colleges and on state educational institutions and municipal universities

Chairman Joseph C. Harder opened the meeting and announced that the Committee would continue its discussion on HB 2102, relating to the governance of higher education institutions. The Chairman expressed interest in having a task force committee study the entire Education Article of the Constitution preparatory to a revision of the entire Education Article. The Chairman inquired of Ms. Avis Swartzman, revisor of statutes, as to what recourse the Committee might have in order to accomplish this purpose.

Ms. Swartzman offered several possibilities which, she said, the Committee might wish to consider, and these are: A special (interim) committee, which would be approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council; a select committee, which would be created by a joint resolution or a resolution of either the Senate or the House; or the LEPC. Ms. Swartzman explained that the LEPC (Legislative Educational Planning Committee) is a statutory committee which can initiate its own studies and whose focus is on postsecondary education.

The Chairman said that although he would prefer that a legislative committee study the issue of education in Kansas, he would, also, like to obtain the expertise of perhaps a national figure who would be knowledgeable on the subject of state constitutions as well as on the topic of education. He suggested that perhaps he could obtain a person through either the Education Commission of the States or else the National Conference of State Legislatures for a nominal fee.

Senator Allen recommended that the study be done by a standing interim committee but agreed that some additional funds would be needed to obtain an individual with expertise on the subject.

Senator Kerr referred to the recommendations he had submitted to the Committee yesterday, and these, he stated, included having a steering committee whose membership would be composed of members of the legislature and representatives from the Governor's office, the community colleges, area vocational-technical schools, and regents institutions.

The Chairman explained to the Committee the need for rewriting the Education Article of the Constitution which, he stated, was adopted in 1964. The Chairman said he felt the present restraints of the Constitution are too binding and that more flexibility is needed to deal with the various segments of education, including vocational education. It appeared to be the consensus of the Committee that more state direction of education is needed. With Committee approval, the Chair stated that he would proceed with communicating to both the Education Commission of the States and the

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National Conference of State Legislatures for recommendations of an expert person and that he would report back to the Committee at a later date.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting.

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