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Date

JOINT HOUSE AND
MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The meeting was called to order by Senator Wint Winter, Jr. at
Chairperson

12:43 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on Monday, February 15, 1988 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Mainey, Leach, Barkis, Helgerson, Foster, Heinemann, R.H. Miller. - Excused

Committee staff present:

Lynn Holt, Revisor
Elaine Johnson, Secretary
Mary Allen, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

The joint meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee and the House Economic Development Committee was called to order at 12:43 p.m. by the Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee, Senator Wint Winter, Jr.

Chairman Winter introduced Sol Hurwitz, Vice President and CEO of National Committee for Economic Development, to speak on economic development as it relates to public education and social services.

Dr. Hurwitz said that human resources are the major priority for economic development. The way we develop and train our people has a strong bearing on the nation's economic development; therefore education is of prime significance.

He stated that he sees two problems or barriers with recommendations made by his committee. One is that resources are inadequate and the second is the fragmented policy-making system which is a political problem.

Educators and leaders in the business community recommend investing in pre-school education for disadvantaged 3 and 4 year olds. Thirty percent of our children in this country risk failure. If these children are not caught at 3 and 4 years of age additional education costs are involved.

The recommendation for children in need is to start early, even with pre-natal care, with a support system for parents and children. This would call for a fundamental restructuring of our schools, such as smaller classes and smaller schools and financing that involves a combination of education and human services funding.

To provide leadership will require new funds to deal with needs and for the private sector to fulfill its role so that all parties can draw and pull together.

Discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.



GUEST LIST

NAME

REPRESENTING

Craig Grant	Kansas - NEA
Debbie Zabel	IPPBR - University of Kansas
STAN WARD	KS BOARD OF AG
JACK MONTGOMERY	KDOC
Melissa Ness	Ks. Childrens Serv. League
Ray Petty	Topeka Resource Center for the Handicapped
Nancy D. TUSH	WFT - Wichita
Jan Cople	KFT Wichita
Peg Spencer	SRS / Rehabilitation Services
Janet Schalansky	SRS / Adult Serv.
Jan Allen	Commissioner adult Serv. / SRS
Sam Brumback	Bd of Ag
J Therese Banzert	Ks. Coal. Against Death Pen, Ks. Co. of Crime + Delinquency
Janet Swall	Unity of Kansas
Sol Voverwitz	Committee for Economic Development, New York