

Approved February 9, 1988
Date

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 Monday, February 8, 1988 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Montgomery, excused

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 525 - School districts, budgets per pupil, limitations for 1988-89 school year, affect definition of federal impact aid.

Following a call to order by Chairman Joseph C. Harder, a motion was made by Senator Arasmith to approve minutes of the Committee meeting of February 4. The motion was seconded by Senator Allen, and the minutes were approved.

The Chairman explained that because he had not originally scheduled a meeting for today and some Committee members had made other commitments, he would limit today's meeting to discussion only of SB 525. He then told the Committee that Mr. Dale Dennis of the State Department of Education was available to answer Committee questions on SB 525 and asked if there were any queries relating to the computer printout (L8813), sales assessment ratio sheet, or example sheet on adjusted valuation computation that had been distributed at yesterday's meeting.

In reply to a question, Mr. Dennis responded that a total of approximately \$40million in new state aid would have to be added to the Governor's proposal for financing the SDEA in order to prevent the large urban school districts from losing any money during the 1988-89 school year. In order for no school district to receive less state aid during the 1988-89 school year than it received during the 1987-88 school year, Mr. Dennis said the School District Equalization Act formula would have to be amended with a grandfather's clause and would require an additional \$8.9million.

In referring to Column 18 of Computer Printout L8813 on School Finance, Mr. Dennis replied that a district might have a low levy in one year by reducing its cash balance, but it will have to increase the levy in a subsequent year to increase its cash balance. Mr. Dennis explained that some reasons for the mill levy differences in Column 18 include: growth in valuation, growth in cash balances at the local level, money received from the motor vehicle tax.

In response to a Committee request, the Chairman asked Mr. Dennis if he would prepare a computer printout reflecting district wealth over a 1 3/4-year period and have it available for tomorrow's Committee meeting. Mr. Dennis replied that he would do so.

The Chairman announced that the Committee would continue its discussion on SB 525, as well as take action on the bill, at its meeting tomorrow. He then adjourned the meeting.

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