

Approved March 3, 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 Tuesday, March 1, 1988 in room 123-S 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:

After a call to order by the Chairman, Senator Warren moved to approve Committee minutes of February 29. The motion was seconded by Senator Allen, and the minutes were approved.

The Chairman asked the Committee to turn its attention to SB 381, relating to establishing the Kansas honors scholarship program for Kansas honor students. He related that the bill had been introduced last year at the request of the State Board of Regents and that in deference to a request from the Board, he had scheduled a rehearing on the bill for this week. However, he continued, since the bill had been introduced through the Ways and Means Committee, he plans to postpone the hearing until a later date.

SB 617 - School transportation vehicle safety programs.

When the Chairman called for Committee discussion on SB 617, Senator Allen responded by saying that since he has not detected sufficient support for the bill, he would move that the Committee have a resolution drafted urging local school boards to adopt their own school transportation safety programs if they so desire and encouraging the examination of seat belts on school buses by districts that so desire. Senator Allen further stated that state funds are not available to implement this legislation. Senator Langworthy seconded the motion for a resolution, and the motion carried. The Chairman asked Ms. Avis Swartzman, revisor of statutes, to draft such a resolution for the Committee.

SB 602 - Residence requirements for fee purposes at public institutions of postsecondary education.

A motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Senator Langworthy to report SB 602 favorably for passage. However, both the motion and the second were withdrawn when, by Committee consensus, it was decided that new language needed to be inserted regarding establishment of Kansas residency. The Chairman called the Committee's attention to an amendment that had been suggested by an author of the bill. This suggestion, he continued, is to insert the language: "upon declaration of Kansas as a place of permanent residence" after the word "Kansas" in lines 0032 and 0083. Following further Committee discussion, Senator Arasmith made a conceptual motion directing the revisor of statutes to draft an amendment to SB 602 which would contain clarifying language of the process for becoming a Kansas resident under provisions of the bill. The motion was seconded by Senator Allen, and the motion carried.

SB 604 - Educational excellence grant program, educational system enhancement plans, performance-based pay plans

When the Chair called the Committee's attention to SB 604, he commented that the bill has a lot of merit but reminded the Committee that it has a fiscal note of \$10million if implemented in full. After directing a

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question to the primary author of the bill, Senator D. Kerr replied that if the bill should be funded by only fifty percent of the fiscal note, he felt that the money should be directed to the excellence portion of the bill, because he felt that this portion of the bill has more support.

Senator Arasmith commented that he felt SB 604 should be recommended for interim study, since full funding for state-mandated transportation and special education programs has not yet been realized and since school districts already have the option to implement the provisions of the bill without its enactment.

Senator F. Kerr said he felt that \$5million was a small amount to pay for financing a half portion of SB 604 when one compares this amount with the massive total spending of over one billion dollars that is now put into education. He said he felt that legislative action on the bill would encourage more innovation in the field of education.

Senator Salisbury said that although she supports the concepts of SB 604, she is hesitant to support its enactment, since her school district is one that is losing money through the SDEA funding formula. She commented that she would like to keep alive the concept and felt the proposal for study by an interim committee would be the best route to follow at this time.

Senator Parrish, also, said that she liked some of the ideas contained in SB 604, as well as the flexibility they provided. She said she felt that schools need encouragement for implementing innovative ideas. However, she continued, because school districts are desirous of holding down property taxes and because there are areas which will not be adequately funded, she would not like to see funds diverted to implement the provisions of SB 604. Senator Parrish wondered if, perhaps, income tax credit from the Kansas Foundation for Partnerships in Education fund (SB 229), or possibly some other source, might be directed for use in implementing the concepts contained in SB 604.

Senator Langworthy said she felt that education would probably never be adequately funded to the point when state funds might be directed for implementing some of the "extra" things. She said SB 604 provides for challenges and rewards and felt these were good incentives toward achieving educational goals.

Senator Karr suggested that perhaps a private source could provide matching funds for a specific purpose such as the performance pay plan and that maybe such a pilot program could be initiated.

Senator Langworthy moved that SB 604 be reported favorably for passage. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerr.

Senator Arasmith made a substitute motion to hold SB 604 in Committee and to recommend it for interim study. Senator Salisbury seconded the motion.

Senator Allen projected that it would probably take \$100million to get the SDEA formula adequately funded and to fully fund special education and transportation. He said that after taking all the factors into consideration, including a new school funding formula on the horizon and the fiscal note, he would have to vote for an interim study of SB 604.

Hearing no more discussion, the Chair then called for a vote on the substitute motion by Senator Arasmith that SB 604 be held in Committee and recommended for interim study. The vote was five yeas and five nays. The Chairman voted yea to break the tie vote and ruled that the motion had carried.

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SB 568 - Implementation of building-based education plans

The Chair said that although the next bill to be considered, SB 568, contains a good concept, funding was his main concern. He then asked Mr. Craig Grant, a representative of Kansas-National Education Association, which had requested the bill, if the provisions of SB 568 could be implemented without any additional state funds. Mr. Grant replied that although K-NEA had committed \$10,000 to the project, some additional incentive money is needed.

Senator Salisbury's suggestion was that if the Committee agrees that the concept is good, the Committee might like to propose a resolution as a means of providing an incentive for school districts to initiate such programs.

Senator Montgomery stated that he felt it would be a good idea to study SB 568 along with SB 604, which the Committee had voted to recommend for interim study.

Senator Parrish reminded the Committee that the purpose of SB 568 is to provide additional incentive for setting up some pilot studies. She then moved to report SB 568 favorably for passage. This was seconded by Senator Karr.

Senator Anderson reminded the Committee that a spokesman for Kansas Federation of Teachers had suggested amending SB 568 in Sec. 3, Sub (2) so as to include a member of the Kansas Federation of Teachers and a parent on the advisory committee for selection of the schools which would participate in the pilot program.

Senator Montgomery then proposed a substitute motion to recommend SB 568 for study by an interim committee along with SB 604, because he felt their concepts were similar. Senator Anderson seconded the substitute motion. When the Chair announced that the motion had carried, a call for a division confirmed the Chair's original ruling. The division was four yeas and three nays.

The Chairman announced that the Committee would have one more meeting this week, and he then adjourned the meeting.

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