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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Don E. Crumbaker at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~a.m.~~ p.m. on March 27, 1989 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Lane, Excused.

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes' Office

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research

Dale Dennis, Department of Education

Thelma Canaday, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Crumbaker.

The chairman gave an overview of how the meeting would be conducted in discussing and acting on HB 2085, concerning school district finance.

The chair called on Mr. Dale Dennis to explain the corrected printouts that had been requested by the committee at the last meeting, i.e., an update of the Governor's plan showing changes in Wyandotte County, and an update of the Interim Committee's plan using the Governor's money.

Chairman Crumbaker recognized Mr. Ben Barrett to give the Interim Committee's recommendations regarding unused budget authority: i.e., 1) unused budget authority may be accumulated only when a school district deliberately adopts a general fund budget for any year which is less than the amount per pupil authorized under the applicable per pupil percentage limitations for that year. 2) allows all school districts to have the same access to accumulated unused budget authority as do districts whose budget per pupil limitation is determined by the budget floor for the school years, and 3) school districts are prohibited from republishing their general fund budget under KSA 79-2929a.

Representative Bowden moved to adopt the three recommendations given by the Interim Committee on unused budget authority. Seconded by Representative Hensley. Motion carried.

Chairman Crumbaker drew the committee's attention to the 4th enrollment category and pointed out the interim committee's recommendation for an increase of 2.5% for the purpose of determining budget controls and equalization aid entitlements.

Representative R. D. Miller moved to adopt the Interim Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Representative Smith. After some discussion Representative Lowther made a substitute motion to make the 2.5% increase for two years rather than one year. Seconded by Representative Harder. The substitute motion carried.

Chairman Crumbaker brought the topic of budget controls before the committee.

Representative Blumenthal moved to allow 2% additional budget authority subject to a protest petition to the 2% - 4% budget limitations. Representative Branson seconded the motion. The motion lost 10 - 10.

Representative Blumenthal moved to allow 1% additional budget authority subject to a protest petition to the 2% - 4% budget limitations. Seconded by Representative Reardon. Motion carried.

Representative Larkin moved the income tax rebate deduction be reduced to 20%. The motion was seconded by Representative Bowden. Motion lost.

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room 519-S, Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~a.m.~~ p.m. on March 27, 1989.

Representative Larkin moved to return to current law which is 85%. Seconded by Representative Bowden. Motion lost.

Representative Branson moved to use 2-year averaging in determining district wealth. Seconded by Representative Harder. Motion carried 11 - 10.

Representative Bowden moved 100% hold harmless outside of Governor's money. Seconded by Representative Hensley. After a period of discussion Representative Lowther made a substitute motion to go to 50% hold harmless. Representative Smith seconded. Motion lost 6 - 12. A vote was then taken on the motion for 100% hold harmless and the motion carried.

Representative Williams moved to pass HB 2085 as amended. Representative Amos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The chairman congratulated the committee for the cooperative way in which the school finance issue was acted on.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 28, 1989 in Room 519-S at 3:30 p.m.

