

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

1:30 xx a.m./p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 1989 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anderson, excused

Committee staff present:

Mr. Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Mrs. Avis Swartzman, Revisor's Office
Mrs. Millie Randell, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2464 - School districts, participation in disaster relief programs
(Education)

Proponents:

The Reverend Tom Frommer, Overland Park Christian Church
Mr. Craig Grant, Director of Political Action, Kansas-National Education Association
Ms. Pat Baker, Associate Director-Legal Counsel, Kansas Association of School Boards
Mr. Charles L. Stuart, United School Administrators of Kansas

HB 2203 - School districts, capital outlay fund and tax levies, suspension and establishment of limitations (Education, by request)

Proponents:

Ms. Pat Baker, Associate Director-Legal Counsel, Kansas Association of School Boards
Mr. Charles L. Stuart, United School Administrators of Kansas

Following a call to order, Chairman Joseph C. Harder recognized The Reverend Tom Frommer, pastor, Overland Park Christian Church, the first conferee in favor of HB 2464, pertaining to school districts' participation in disaster relief programs. Mr. Frommer explained that he is co-chairman of the Jamaican Hurricane Relief Committee situated in Overland Park and described the background and program of the Committee. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Craig Grant, on behalf of Kansas-National Education Association, urged the Committee to pass HB 2464, so that school districts could participate in the donation of surplus items to the Jamaican and other disaster relief programs. (Attachment 2)

Ms. Pat Baker, Kansas Association of School Boards associate director and legal counsel, also rising in support of HB 2464, stated that without this legislation, districts would need the unanimous approval of boards of education in order to participate in disaster relief programs as described in HB 2464.

The legislative liaison of the United School Administrators of Kansas, Mr. Charles L. Stuart, offered his organization's support for HB 2464, as noted in Attachment 3.

Following testimony by Mr. Stuart, the Chair announced that the hearing on HB 2464 was concluded. He then referred the Committee's attention to HB 2203 before calling upon the first conferee to testify on the bill.

Ms. Pat Baker, Associate Executive Director, Kansas Association of School Boards, appealed to the Committee to pass HB 2203 favorably in her testimony found in Attachment 4. Ms. Baker pointed out that HB 2203 would be effective for one year only - during the year of reappraisal. Accord-

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room 123-S Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 1989.

ing to Mr. Dale Dennis, State Department of Education, the bill would allow transfers from a school district's general fund to its capital outlay fund during the month of June if it has imposed a capital outlay mill levy that would have raised at least the same amount in dollars that a 3.5 mill rate raised in the 1988-89 school year.

Mr. Charles L. Stuart, legislative liaison, United School Administrators of Kansas, also explained the purpose of HB 2203 and urged passage of HB 2203. (Attachment 5)

Following testimony by Mr. Stuart, the Chairman announced that the hearing on HB 2203 was concluded. He then asked the Committee's pleasure regarding HB 2203. Senator Montgomery moved, and Senator Allen seconded a motion to recommend HB 2203 favorably for passage. Senator Kerr, however, made a request to delay action on the motion until he can submit a possible amendment to HB 2203 for Committee consideration. The Chairman agreed to postpone action on the pending motion on HB 2203 until the next meeting.

HB 2464 - When the Chairman asked the Committee's pleasure, Senator Frahm moved that HB 2464 be recommended favorably for passage. Senator Karr seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Frahm moved that minutes of the meeting of February 14 be approved. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerr, and the motion carried. The Chair adjourned the meeting.

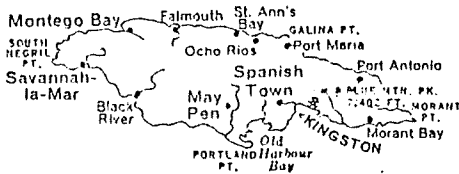
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TIME: 1:30 p.m. PLACE: 123-S DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 1989

GUEST LIST

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The Jamaica Hurricane Relief Committee was formed immediately after Hurricane Gilbert in September of 1988 and includes people from Overland Park Christian Church, West Indian Association, Sunset Hills Christian Church, Grace Baptist Church, Fellowship Christian Church, Valley View United Methodist Church and others.

We have sent two shipments to Jamaica:

October 10th we sent emergency supplies including a 10,000 w. generator, plastic sheeting, food, medicine, seeds.

December 16-18 we sent rebuilding and humanitarian supplies including corrugated metal, lumber, nails, clothing, food, candles.

January 9-17 we sent an eleven member work team to work at the Oberlin School on the island repairing the buildings.

January 11 I met with Mr. Fritz Taylor and Mr. Turner of the Ministry of Education for Jamaica. Their report stated that they had six billion dollars (J\$) damage to the school system. Included in the report are 66 high schools, 74 new schools, and an undisclosed number of basic schools and all age schools.

Their biggest need from the damage of Hurricane Gilbert is school furniture including student desks and chairs, teacher desks and tables. They also mentioned industrial arts tools (home economics, business, industrial arts) like typewriters, computers, sewing machines, etc. Science equipment and books are also needed. A letter giving more details is in the mail from Mr. Taylor which has not been received as yet.

I have already sent several shipments with the cooperation of USAID and Alice Coles our US agent on Jamaica. She is aware of what I am doing. I have been in phone contact with Mr. Fritz Taylor since the elections in Jamaica and he assured me that all we have talked about is not affected or changed by the elections.

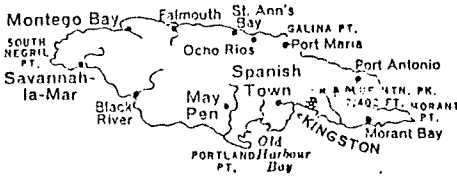
I have talked with Mr. Dick Westbrook of the Shawnee Mission School district and with Mr. Tom Matthews of the Olathe School District. They do have surplus materials which is mostly furniture, but also some typewriters, etc. and are open to this program.

Our committee has a warehouse donated by Mr. David Zimmer in Kansas City that can be used for storage of surplus supplies. We have a transportation committee in our group to work with transportation. We have received excellent help from the Air National Guard and are qualified under the Denton amendment for shipments of humanitarian aid.

It is our estimation that this program will take 4 years to complete with donated surplus materials. Our proposal is consistent with American foreign policy and in fact an excellent people-to-people good will gesture.

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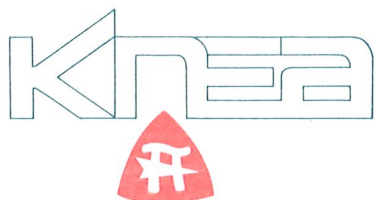
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I do have a suggestion for the bill. I think it is important to add to the description of a disaster relief program the following line:

Add to line 58: "and having demonstrable plan for transportation and distribution."

After Hurricane Gilbert there were many groups that collected material to send to Jamaica with either no firm plan to transport or specific person to handle materials on the island. We assisted some of those groups.



Craig Grant Testimony Before The
Senate Education Committee
Wednesday, March 15, 1989

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am Craig Grant and I represent
Kansas-NEA. I appreciate this opportunity to visit with you about
HB 2464.

Kansas-NEA certainly supports HB 2464. There are often items
such as books, desks, or other materials which could be construed as
surplus in some schools which could be utilized by disaster relief
programs to assist the survivors of a disaster. It just makes sense
for us to donate such materials to help others.

Kansas-NEA asks that you report HB 2464 favorably for passage.
Thank you for listening to our concerns.

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Attachment 2



HB 2464

Testimony presented before the Senate Education Committee
by Charles L. Stuart, Legislative Liaison
United School Administrators of Kansas

March 15, 1989

Mister Chairman and members of the committee:

USA supports the permissive provisions of HB 2464. Since the bill calls for the development of specific policy dealing with this issue all school personnel and community patrons will have the opportunity to know about its provisions. We encourage you to report HB 2464 favorably for passage.

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Attachment 3



Testimony on H.B. 2203

before the

Senate Education Committee

by

Patricia E. Baker, Associate Executive Director

Kansas Association of School Boards

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, I appear before you in support of H.B. 2203 on behalf of the 301 member unified school district boards of education of the Kansas Association of School boards. H.B. 2203 was introduced at our request by the House Education Committee to address a problem which has arisen for local school boards as a result of the reappraisal statutes which limit taxing authority in the year of reappraisal.

The reappraisal statutes specifically exempted school district general fund levies from their application. However, school district capital outlay levy authority was not so exempted. This will cause major dislocation in some school districts due to their dependence on capital outlay funds for some current expenditures. Unlike other units of government, school districts do not have other sources of revenue than their taxing authority for these purposes.

Many school districts will find themselves with increased valuation as a result of reappraisal. Compliance with the reappraisal statute limitations may result in an inability to comply with the conditions necessary for transferring general fund dollars to their capital outlay fund. This would occur even though they would be levying the maximum amount permitted under the present statutes.

For these reasons, we would request your favorable consideration of H.B. 2203 and I would be happy to answer any questions regarding our proposal.



HB 2203

Testimony presented before the Senate Committee on Education
by Chuck L. Stuart, Legislative Liaison
United School Administrators of Kansas

March 15, 1989

Mister Chairman and members of the committee:

The United School Administrators of Kansas supports passage of HB 2203. Current law allows a school district to transfer monies from its general fund to the Special Capital Outlay fund if the district levies at least 3.5 mills for the Special Capital Outlay fund.

The total dollars to be raised in 1989-90 for the Special Capital Outlay fund cannot exceed the total dollars raised for the Special Capital Outlay fund in the 1988-89 school year.

Classification and reappraisal will probably increase the valuation of many school districts. This will result in a Special Capital Outlay levy of less than 3.5 mills.

HB 2203 allows a transfer from the general fund to the Special Capital Outlay if a district raises the same amount of Special Capital Outlay money as the 3.5 mill levy raised last year.

Since it maintains the basic concept of transfer from the general fund to the Special Capital Outlay fund, the United School Administrators urges your favorable consideration of HB 2203.

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Attachment 5