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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 ~~am~~/p.m. on March 12, 1990 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representatives Borum, Branson, Harder, D. Miller, Smith, and Williams, all excused.

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research  
Thelma Canaday, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Gary Livingston, Superintendent, USD #501  
Ms. Kay Coles, Kansas National Education Association

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crumbaker.

The chairman opened hearings on HB 3072, concerning notice of nonrenewal of teachers' and administrators' contracts in the 1989-1990 school year. The chairman recognized Dr. Gary Livingston to speak to HB 3072.

Dr. Livingston said HB 3072 was requested because of USD #501's concern about the emotional trauma for teachers who might be notified of nonrenewal of contracts because of the expected loss in state aid. Dr. Livingston said if the nonrenewal notification could be moved back to May 1 there would be a better idea of the finances available and this trauma could possibly be avoided. Dr. Livingston said the local teachers association had not issued a stand on HB 3072. He suggested HB 3072 might be only applicable to USD #501.

Ms. Kay Coles testified against HB 3072. She said K-NEA cannot support it as it was introduced because 1) changing the notification date for nonrenewal of teacher contracts to May 10, and at the same time leaving the notification date for teachers and administrators to notify that they will not be returning at May 10, will cause conflict, and 2) if this legislation has state-wide applicability great confusion can occur.

After a period of discussion and questions the chairman closed the hearings on HB 3072.

The meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 4:14 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 13, 1990 in Room 519-S at 3:30 p.m.

