

Approved: March 17, 1992
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rick Bowden at 3:30 p.m. on March 5, 1992 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Amos - Excused
Representative Jones - Excused

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes Office
Shirley Wilds, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Tallman - KASB
Gerald Henderson - USA
Craig Grant - KNEA

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rick Bowden.

Discussion and action on HB 3111:

Avis Swartzman. Ms. Swartzman gave an explanation of the bill to the committee.

Representative Crumbaker moved to pass HB 3111 favorably; Representative Pottorff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hearing on HB 3139:

Mark Tallman. Mr. Tallman, reporting that KASB supports HB 3139, said they do offer some concern about the proposed membership of the committee. Limiting it to the chairs and ranking minority members of the designated committees may not be a broad enough representation of the diverse educational spectrum. (See Attachment #1.)

Gerald Henderson. Mr. Henderson said that USA supports HB 3139, and that the bill would provide a coordinated opportunity for the education community to report to the six legislative committees most involved with developing policy on school district finance and quality performance. (See Attachment #2.)

Discussion and action on HB 3092:

Representative Crumbaker made a motion to pass HB 3092 favorably; Representative Pottorff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and action HCR 5047:

Representative Pottorff moved to adopt HCR 5047 and Representative Praeger seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff moved to adopt HCR 5048; Representative Lahti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Empson motioned to adopt HCR 5046; Representative Praeger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of March 9.

Upon completion of its business, meeting adjourned at 3:55.



Testimony on H.B. 3139
before the
House Committee on Education

by

Mark Tallman, Coordinator of Governmental Relations
Kansas Association of School Boards

March 5, 1992

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 3139. The magnitude of the current school finance debate illustrates the importance of continuing scrutiny of educational funding.

We hope that the 1992 Legislature will establish a school finance plan that again can serve as a national model for fairness and efficiency. A standing joint committee, as proposed in this bill, would help keep such a plan true to those principles.

We would offer some concern about the proposed membership of the committee. Limiting it to the chairs and ranking minority members of the designated committees may not be a broad enough representation of the diverse educational interests of the state. You may wish to consider expanding the size of the committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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HB 3139

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Testimony presented before the House Committee on Education
by Gerald W. Henderson, Executive Director
United School Administrators of Kansas

Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee:

United School Administrators of Kansas appreciates this opportunity to support the provisions of **HB 3139**. This bill would provide a coordinated opportunity for the education community to report to the six legislative committees most involved with developing policy on school district finance and quality performance.

The complexity of developing both an equitable school finance system and a responsive school accreditation system would seem to indicate a need for all the major players to meet together on a somewhat regular basis. The joint committee proposed in **HB 3139** provides a vehicle for such dialog. USA supports its passage.

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