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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Economic Development

The meeting was called to order by Senator Dave Kerr at
Chairperson

8:00 a.m. ~~xxx~~ on February 7, 1992 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Ben Vidricksen (Excused)
Senator Wint Winter

Committee staff present:

Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Bill Edds, Revisor of Statutes' Office
LaVonne Mumert, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kevin Robertson, Kansas Association of Area Vocational-Technical Schools

S.B. 485 - Authorizing the consolidation of area vocational schools or
area vocational-technical schools with community colleges

Kevin Robertson testified on S.B. 485. He said his association does not have a clear, concise position on the bill. He mentioned that some directors of area vocational-technical schools (AVTS) are opposed to the bill because they are concerned that it might be a first step toward mandated consolidations. Mr. Robertson explained that most of the enrollment of the Central Kansas Area Vocational Technical School are secondary students enrolled at area high schools.

Chairman Kerr said that Senator Joe Harder had intended to bring up a concern but, because of a meeting conflict, was unable to appear. Senator Harder's concern related to a provision in K.S.A. 72-205(d) prohibiting community colleges from acquiring property outside their own district. Senator Harder wants to be certain that S.B. 485 does not create a loophole for this restriction. Chairman Kerr said that the Revisor will review the bill and statute and advise the Committee at a later meeting of his conclusions.

Chairman Kerr noted that a question had been raised about the out-district tuition language in line 15 of page 3 of the bill. Dr. Merle Hill told the Committee that there is a difference between "out-district tuition" and "out district state aid".

In further discussion of the bill, Chairman Kerr said that it is his belief the bill spells out that categorical aid would be provided for postsecondary classes not taken for college credit.

ERO 23 - An order which reorganizes various housing programs into a division of housing within a renamed department of commerce and housing

There was discussion about the responsibility of the Legislature regarding executive reorganization orders. Senator Oleen noted that staff had advised the Governmental Organization Committee that the burden is on the Senate to take favorable or unfavorable action on such orders if the House takes no action.

Senator Salisbury moved that the minutes of the February 5 and 6, 1992 meetings be approved. Senator Oleen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be Tuesday, February 11, 1992.

