

Approved: 3/12/96  
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Mason at 12:00 p.m. on February 23, 1996 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: John Ballou (excused)

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
Dale Dennis, Department of Education  
Beverly Renner, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Mason reopened consideration of HB 2855.

Representative Powell moved to pass the bill out favorably and Representative Weber seconded the motion.

Representative Franklin moved a substitute motion to amend and pass out favorably.

Representative Pettey moved to divide the question.

Representative Franklin passed out copies of a proposed amendment (Attachment 1). It reinserts and rewords section © on page 1 and a new provision (9).

Representative Tomlinson requested to divide the two sections of the amendment.

Representative Franklin moved to amend HB 2855 by adding the new provision “ (9) The writings, speeches and documents of the leaders of the civil rights movement in the United States.” Motion carried.

Representative Franklin withdrew and reintroduced his amendment to omit “for civil purposes only and”. Representative Weber seconded. Motion carried; 11 in favor, 6 opposed.

The motion to pass out HB 2855 favorably, as amended, was made by Representative Franklin. Motion carried; 10 in favor and 8 opposed.

Chairman Mason explained that Representatives Reardon, Shore and himself met on Tuesday, February 20th, with representatives from Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas National Education Association and United School Administrators, concerning HB 2857, to discuss issues and negotiating attempts. It was concluded that there is no common ground at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 1996.



Proposed Amendment to House Bill No. 2855  
(As Amended by House Committee)

By inserting on page 1, as a new provision (9), the following:

"(9) The writings, speeches, and documents of the leaders of the civil rights movement in the United States.";

Also on page 1, by inserting as a new subsection (c), the following:

"(c) There shall be no discriminatory revision of American history or heritage based on religious references in the writings, documents and records described in subsection (a). The writings, documents and records described in subsection (a) shall be presented for civil purposes only and in a manner which neither furthers the establishment of a specific religion nor demeans any mode of worship."

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Attachment 1