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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 AM on January 20, 1999 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Marti Crow - Excused

Committee staff present:

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department  
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Laurel Murdie, Audit Supervisor

Others attending:

See attached list

The Joint House and Senate Education Committees, chaired by Representative Ralph Tanner and Senator Barbara Lawrence, met in the Old Supreme Court Chamber on Post Audit presentation, "Reviewing Issues Related to Funding for Special Education", a performance audit report.

The audit was originally presented to the Legislative Post Audit Committee on October 20 and to the Budget Committee on October 21 of 1998. This information should be of assistance to the Kansas Legislature during their deliberations on improving special education programs and funding for Kansas children.

This audit was based on a sample of 20 school districts and three co-operatives for Fiscal year 1997. The meeting was opened to questions and comments.

Representative Morrison appeared before the committee with a request for a bill introduction that would not give any athletic scholarship to a state university or regent school for academically unqualified student. He made a motion that this be introduced as a committee bill. Representative Helgerson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Wells requested a resolution introduction before the committee that would asses blind students in Braille writing and reading to increase their skills. Representative Ballou seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dale Dennis appeared before the committee to introduce three Board of Education bills that have to do with community colleges. The first bill has to do with revising the definition of credit hour. The second bill has to do with relating to determination and payment of credit hour state aid. The third bill concerns vocational education, revising and updating citation of the federal act, also called the Carl Perkins act. Representative Helgerson made a motion these bills be introduced as committee bills. Representative Empson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 1999.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

