

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on January 21, 1999 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Henry Helgerson - Excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jeremy Mosley, Christian Home Educated Student  
Laurel Murdie, Audit Supervisor, Post Audit

Others attending: See attached list

The Joint House and Senate Education Committee, chaired by Representative Ralph Tanner and Senator Barbara Lawrence, met for a presentation from Home School and continued Post Audit review.

Kent Vincient, Christian Home Educators Confederation of Kansas, introduced Jeremy Mosley, a high school Senior from Wichita, who appeared before the committee to give a presentation on home schooling. Jeremy stressed the importance of character in all aspects of life. He spoke of the many facets of his life as a student, in sports, music, and his part-time job at Sears. Jeremy spoke of several historical leaders and how the good and bad characters of each had an effect on history. He mentioned Benedict Arnold, Noah Webster, Alexis de Tocqueville and others. He stated that in the 1800's the separation of the private life from the public life of the individual took place. People then viewed public figures on the performance of duties regardless of their behavior. He feels that the lack of good behavior among public officials has contributed to the lack of morality in this country.

The meeting was opened to questions and comments

Laurel Murdie, Post Audit, was again present to answer further questions from the previous meeting on the Special Education Audit. She added further responses to the previous day's meeting.

Representative Empson appeared before the committee with a bill request for a coalition bill addressing a unified position be introduced. Representative Empson made a motion to have the request as a committee bill.  
Representative Storm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Storm requested a resolution and a committee bill to be introduced that resulted from the Attorney General's Task Force. Representative Storm made a motion for a resolution that would urge all schools both public and private to develop and practice crisis plans. Representative Crow seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
Representative Storm made a motion for a committee bill that cleans up SB 282 which was the Safe School Act and added reporting 72 hour holding and a psychological examination for a students that bring a weapon to school.  
Representative Empson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 1999.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

