

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:30 p.m. on January 9, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research  
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research  
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

Chairman Umbarger called the meeting to order and expressed his appreciation to the members for their willingness to serve on the committee and congratulated them on their recent elections. Chairman Umbarger stated that he agrees with Governor Graves that Education is the number one concern in Kansas. He assured the committee that he is open to everyone's ideas and opinions and stated that they have equal access to the floor. He realizes that the committee cannot accomplish everything it wants in one year, but hopes to focus on three or four issues this year and follow them through so the committee can look back at the end of three or four years and see their accomplishments.

Chairman Umbarger had each committee member introduce themselves and tell why they are interested in education. Many of the members have teaching experience and have served on their local school boards. Senator Umbarger then invited persons attending the meeting for comments. Representatives from several educational organizations offered their assistance in answering questions or in obtaining information for any of the committee members whenever needed.

Chairman Umbarger ended the meeting again stating how impressed he is with the members of the committee and that he is expecting great things this year.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court Room.