

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 13, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

The Chair spoke to the committee on what they'd previously believed to be a state law regarding school bus seating for students. She said since they'd learned there was no law governing this, she would withdraw her bill request.

A motion was made by Representative Decker and seconded by Representative Williams that this bill request be withdrawn. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of the State Department of Education told the committee that he wasn't sure why people thought there was a law concerning the number of seats to be provided on school buses for students. He promised to correct this misinformation by emailing various state agencies who would be interested.

Representative Mason asked that his request for introduction of a bill that referred to one taxing entity suing another taxing entity be withdrawn. He pointed out the difficulty of writing the bill in a way that would be acceptable at this time.

It was moved by Representative Mason and seconded by Representative Hutchins that this bill introduction be tabled at this time. The motion carried on a voice vote.

HB 2181 - Enacting the school district budget law.

The Chair told the committee that because of a request from Senator Bunten, she had appointed a three person sub-committee to look into issues regarding **HB 2181**. Those appointed to the sub-committee would be Representatives Hutchins, Beggs and Crow.

HB 2179 - An act repealing K.S.A. 25-1904; relating to members of state board of education.

Representative Johnson moved and Representative Reardon seconded the motion that **HB 2179** be passed favorably out of committee.

Representative Decker offered an amendment to **HB 2179** that would allow an employee of a regent or community college to serve on the State Board of Education and to prohibit only school district employees from serving.

A motion was made by Representative Decker that this amendment be made to **HB 2179**. The motion was seconded by Representative Beggs. The motion failed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Ostmeyer and seconded by Representative Powell that **HB 2179** be tabled pending more research. The motion failed on a voice vote.

A vote was called for on Representative Johnson's motion that **HB 2179** be favorably passed out of committee. The motion passed on a voice vote

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HB 2194 - Disallowing the counting of certain pupils for purposes of computation.

No action was taken on **HB 2194**. The hearing on **HB 2194** was closed.

The Chair announced there would be a noon meeting of the LEPC in room 313-S. on Monday, Feb. 17 to hear the Budget Task Force report.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 17, 2003.