

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mark Tallman, KASB

HB 3018 - School accreditation based on pupil performance; closing buildings; extended contract weighting.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to the written testimony of Representative Sloan that was distributed in support of **HB 3018**. Representative Sloan was unable to appear. (Attachment 1).

Mark Tallman addressed the Committee as an opponent of **HB 3018**. (Attachment 2).

The Chair told the Committee that what is being sought is an opportunity for the state of Kansas to move into conformity with **HR1**, the "No Child Left Behind" bill. He explained that **HR1** clearly puts the federal government behind the notion of assessments and performance indicators based on those assessments. In other words, they are going to test "every kid, from grades three through eight, every year." The success or failure of that school is going to be judged based upon the performance of those students on those tests.

Chairman Tanner made the motion that **HB 3018** be referred to the LEPC for its consideration in the coming interim and beyond, as it chooses to do. The motion was seconded by Representative Reardon and passed on a voice vote.

Ben Barrett was asked to compose a draft to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (LEPC), requesting this interim study on **HB 3018**. The draft outlines the changes offered by the Committee. A copy of this draft is attached. (Attachment 3).

The hearing on **HB 3018** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2002.