

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:40 p.m. on March 29, 2006, in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Barbara Allen- excused
Chris Steineger- excused
Greta Goodwin- excused
John Vratil- excused
Ralph Ostmeyer- excused

Committee staff present: Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Senator Schodorf discussed a previously heard bill, **HB 2712** relating to the Special Education for Exceptional Children Act. She noted that a conference committee on a number of education bills met at 11:30 on Monday, March 27, and it was decided that more guidance from the Senate Education Committee was needed with regard to **HB 2712**. She reminded the Committee that they worked two bills concerning teacher scholarship plans. One bill was sponsored by Senators Derek Schmidt and Dennis Wilson, and the other bill was sponsored by Representative Pat Colloton. She explained that the House committee wanted to put **HB 2712** into the special education bill. Although Senator Vratil agreed with the House committee, she and Senator Lee felt uncomfortable with that because the Senate Education Committee had not been able to work the bill after the hearing on March 22, and she suggested that bill could be sent to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (LEPC) for a hearing to see if there was a way to compromise on some of the concerns.

Brief committee discussion followed regarding the changes the bill would make in current law with regard to modifying a student's IEP without a team meeting. It was noted that conferees expressed concern about the insertion of the new language on page 2, line 8 ("including substantial change in placement and material change in services") and that the "peanut" of the bill was on page two, lines 9-14.

Senator Lee moved to recommend that **HB 2712** be sent to an interim committee for further study, seconded by Senator Pine. The motion carried.

Senator Schodorf called attention to the minutes of the March 14, 15, and 16 meetings.

Senator Apple moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 15, 16 meetings, seconded by Senator Lee. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

No further meetings were scheduled.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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