

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 P.M. on January 23, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Carl Krehbiel- excused
Representative Valdenia Winn- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Haley DaVee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Tom Sloan

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan asked for requests for bill introductions.

Representative Storm requested a bill setting a procedure to hear appeals on residency disagreements.

Representative Storm moved that the bill be introduced. Representative Kuether seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Representative O'Malley requested a bill be introduced to create a pilot program to provide matching funding for low-income Kansans participating in our Learning Quest 529 Savings Plans.

Representative Pottorf moved that the bill be introduced. Representative Huff seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Representative Carlin requested a bill be introduced concerning the KS comprehensive grant program relating to persons attending bible colleges in the state of KS.

Representative Carlin moved that the bill be introduced and Representative Kelsey seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan turned the committees attention to **HB 2572 - Private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions; clean-up amendments.**

Representative Kelsey moved to report **HB 2572** out favorably. Representative Hill seconded the motion.

Representative Horst pointed out her concerns with page 4, lines 35-38 of the legislation and recalled that an amendment was drafted to resolve the problem. Art Griggs presented a balloon on **HB 2572** to the committee. (Attachment 1)

Representatives Kelsey and Hill asked the committee for permission to withdraw their motions.

Representative Horst moved the balloon amending **HB 2572** be adopted. Representative Craft seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

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Representative Horst made the motion that **HB 2572** be passed as amended. Representative Storm seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan asked that Representative Horst carry the bill.

The Chairman opened discussion on **HB 2575 - Kansas challenge to secondary school pupils; concurrent enrollment; gifted children; technical colleges.**

The Kansas Board of Regents distributed copies of their current concurrent enrollment policies in response to inquiries made by the committee during the last meeting. (Attachment 2)

Representative Storm moved to pass **HB 2575** out favorably and put it on the consent calender. Representative Kelsey seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan turns the meeting over to Representative Johnson, who opened the hearing on **HB 2604 - Midwestern high education commission.**

Representative Sloan testified as a proponent of **HB 2604**. He noted that under existing state law, despite having a member on the executive committee, the alteration of chamber and political party representation to MHEC would result in the loss of an executive committee position for the legislature. **HB 2604** would allow the legislative member who serves on the executive committee to continue to be state's official representative. Representative Sloan pointed out that it is a continuity issue—whether it is more important to have a Kansan in a leadership position on the executive committee than it is to continue the line of alternating representatives. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Johnson opened the floor for questions regarding **HB 2604**. The following representatives asked questions: Kelsey, Storm, Pottorf, Horst, Otto, Carlin, and Menghini.

Chairman Johnson returned the meeting back to Representative Sloan.

Chairman Sloan adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in Rm. 231-N.