

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 January 16, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Andy Tompkins, Commissioner,
State Department of Education
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner,
State Department of Education
Dr. Alexa Pochowski, Assistant Commissioner,
State Department of Education

The Chair told the Committee that he'd written a letter to Senator Umbarger, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, advising him that the House Education Committee would for the remainder of this session, recover jurisdiction appropriately, of the boundary study. This issue was referred to a joint committee of the House and Senate Education Committees. A sub-committee would be created to deliberate on the substance of that report.

Chairman Tanner explained that the slide presentation that was to be given, dealt with **HR 1**, the President's "No Child Left Behind" bill that made it's way through the Congress of the United States. It was approved enthusiastically by both parties in the Congress.

There were objections filed with the Congress from the State Department/Board of Education to certain characteristics of the bill. The Legislature, through the LEPC and a letter-writing campaign to members of Congress, objected to some characteristics of the bill. The big fiscal spending was potentially an unfunded mandate. Despite these protests, the bill was passed by members on both sides of the aisle.

A slide presentation was then presented by Dale Dennis and Dr. Pochowski on the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002. A hard copy was also distributed. (Attachment 1).

Deputy Commissioner Dennis stressed the newness of the bill and said that while they could tell the basic principles, the purpose and the intent, they would not know some of the details. It would be at least six months before Rules and Regulations came out with more details.

The development of this project would be paid for but the estimated ongoing operating costs would increase by two to three times if it is done by Kansas University. If done by other sources, the increase could be up to four or five times. Mr. Dennis felt there would probably be pressure applied by states for the ongoing operating costs to also be paid by the federal government. There will be a penalty of 25% if the proficiency standards are not met by a state.

Copies of the State Department of Education's Preliminary Report on the Reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) were also distributed. (Attachment 2).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2002.