

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE KANSAS FUTURES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlos Mayans at 1:30 p.m. on February 5, 2002 in Room 526-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Karen DiVita - excused  
Representative David Huff - excused  
Representative Carl Krehbiel - excused  
Representative Gene O'Brien - excused  
Representative Mike O'Neal - excused

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department  
Sherman Parks, Jr., Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

The minutes of the meeting held on January 29, 2002 were approved.

The committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2002 was cancelled due to severe weather conditions.

The Chairman recommended the committee sponsor legislation conceptually to amend K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 72-6407, which relates to new school facilities weighting for financing. He explained that currently school districts with 25% L.O.B.'s may access weighting for new classrooms. The linkage to L.O.B. usage is no longer valid because changes in the law have eroded original arguments and has resulted in the unintended consequence of encouraging boards of education to increase local property taxes to secure needed funding. He so moved.. Representative Bethel seconded the motion; and the motion carried.

The Chairman stated that the February 6<sup>th</sup> committee meeting remains on call. If one is scheduled, he will announce notice from the floor of the House tomorrow. The February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will not be held.