

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:00 p.m. on February 5, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:       Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
                                      Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
                                      Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:    Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
                                                          Craig Grant, KNEA  
                                                          Mark Tallman, KASB  
                                                          Brilla Scott, USA

Others attending:            See attached list

Chairman Umbarger introduced Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department. Ben gave a report on the court ruling decisions on Local Option Budget (LOB). (Attachment 1)

**SB9**—Curriculum standards, intervals for review

**SB24**—Teacher Due Process-Schools for the blind and deaf

**SB25**—Teacher Due Process-Listing of Hearing Officers and compensation therefor

**SB78**—School district finance; contingency reserve fund

Ben Barrett gave an overview of the four bills. **SB9** is a bill that allows the State Board of Education to review its curriculum standards every five years instead of every three years. The bill was recommended by Special Committee on Preschool and K-12 Matters. **SB24** is a bill recommended by the State Board of Education. The purpose of the bill is to make the laws governing teacher due process at the State School for the Deaf and the State School for the Blind the same as the laws that apply to school districts. **SB25** was also recommended by the State Board of Education. It deals with the difficulties the board has in maintaining a list of hearing officers to deal with the due process law. The bill reduces the number of potential hearing officers from nine to five and eliminates from the law the amount of compensation (\$240 a day) paid to the hearing officers per day. **SB78** was introduced as a recommendation of the task force. The bill would increase the contingency reserve fund to 7.5%.

Testimony was heard from the following and all were in favor of the bills under discussion:

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commission of Education. Dale gave a brief summary in favor of **SB 9, SB24 & SB25**. (Attachments 2, 3 & 4)

Craig Grant who spoke in favor of **SB24 & SB25**. His testimony is in (Attachment 5 & 6). Craig also stated that he supports **SB9** and **SB78**.

Mark Tallman who spoke favorably for **SB9, SB24, and SB25** (Attachment 7) He also supports **SB78**.

Brilla Scott followed with her comments to support **SB78**. (Attachment 8)

Written testimony was offered by Gary George, Assistant Superintendent, Olathe School District in support of **SB 78**. (Attachment 9)

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Senator Vratil made a motion to pass **SB9** and **SB24** favorably and place them on the consent calendar. Seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion passed.

Senator Lee made a motion to pass **SB25** and **SB78**. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Senator Vratil offered a Substitute motion to amend **SB 78** to make it effective on publication of the register. The Substitute motion was seconded by Senator Lee. Motion passed. Senator Lee made a motion to pass **SB25** and **SB78** as amended. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion Passed.

Chairman Umbarger announced that the Joint Education Subcommittee on the Boundary Study will meet at 5:00 p.m. today. Meeting adjourned at 2:00. The next meeting will be at the regular time on February 6, 2001.