

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on January 24, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research  
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research  
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools  
Col. Robert Hester, Dir. of Jr ROTC for the Wichita Schools  
Mark Tallman, Kansas Assoc. of School Boards,  
Asst. Executive Dir. for Advocacy

It was moved by Representative Lloyd and seconded by Representative Phelps to approve the minutes for January 16, 17 and 18. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chair announced the formation of a sub-committee on home schooling. Members will be Rep. Mason, Chair and Representatives Lloyd, Huebert, Reardon and Peterson. Their first meeting would be held in Room 235-N that afternoon at 2:30.

Diane Gjerstad introduced Colonel Robert Hester who spoke briefly to the Committee to thank them for the opportunity to appear before them and to speak of the advantages provided to those members of the Junior ROTC Program. (Attachment 1).

The following members of the program gave a brief account to the Committee of their experiences as members of the Junior ROTC: Sarah Fischer of Wichita North High School; Matt Butterworth of Curtis Middle School; Janelle Underwood of Jardine-Edison Academy; Fae Lambdin, West High School and Stephanie Crusinberry of Pleasant Valley Middle School.

The Chair announced the hearing of **HB 2096** and **HB 2094** to be on Monday, January 29.

**HB 2023 - (continued)**

Appearing before the Committee in support of **HB 2023** was Mark Tallman. (Attachment 2).

Ken Hales offered testimony as a proponent of **HB 2023**. (Attachment 3). He said, however that while their staff "respected and embraced the intention of this bill, in its current form, the bill presents a very important change in public policy that could have significant unintended consequences."

A request was made by the Chair that Mr. Hales present a memorandum requesting such an amendment.

Mark Gleeson, while listed as an opponent of **HB 2023**, explained that his opposition wasn't to the intent of the bill but rather to some of the aspects of the bill that he felt should be amended. (Attachment 4).

A sub-committee was assembled to take a careful look at the legal issues in **HB 2023**. Named to this sub-committee were Representatives Horst, Crow and DiVita.

The Chair apologized to those waiting to testify on **HB 2019**, explaining that since it was near the time for the House to convene, any more business would have to be postponed until a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2001.

