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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on January 25, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: A quorum was present.

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Jerry Henry
Kenneth Clouse, Dir. NE Kansas Area Technical School
Linda Henry, Coordinator of Special Programs, NEKATS
Tim Shallenburger, Kansas State Treasurer
Bill Bates, Vice President, American Century Investments

Others attending: See Attached List

Hearings on **HB 2622 - Establishment of the Northeast Kansas Technology College** were opened.

Representative Jerry Henry appeared before the committee as sponsor of the bill. He introduced Kenneth Clouse, Director of the Northeast Kansas Area Technical School (NEKATS) and Linda Henry, Coordinator of Special Programs, NEKATS, who appeared as a proponents of the bill. They explained that, since more and more students in Kansas desire to obtain a college degree in technical fields, the elevation of the Northeast Kansas Area Technical School to college status would enable them to offer current and future students a curriculum that more closely meets their needs. (Attachment 1)

Hearings on **HB 2622** were closed.

Representative John Ballou moved to place **HB 2622** on the Consent Calendar. Representative Morrison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hearings on **HB 2655 - Kansas postsecondary educational savings program** were opened.

State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger appeared before the committee as a proponent of **HB 2655**. Mr. Shallenburger handed out a list of proposed changes to the bill and explained each one. (Attachment 2) Mr. Shallenburger then introduced Bill Bates, Vice President-Governmental Affairs, American Century Investments. Mr. Bates presented testimony in favor of **HB 2655**. (Attachment 3)

Hearings on **HB 2655** were closed.

Representative Tanner announced the appointment of a Sub- Committee to study charter schools. Members of the sub-committee are: Representative Bethell, Chair, Representative Faber, Representative Lloyd, Representative Showalter, and Representative Thimesch.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

