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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 March 14, 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
Linda Taylor, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Bill Milliken
Representative Henry Helgerson
Mark Tallman, KASB
Scott Hill, State Department of Education

Others attending: See Attached List

The House Education Committee met in a joint session with the Senate Education Committee to hear a presentation by Bill Milliken, founder of Communities in Schools, Inc. Mr. Milliken spoke to the committees on the importance of reaching out to those students who have already dropped out of school and also to those students who are at risk of doing so.

After the presentation, the Senate Education Committee adjourned to their standing committee room.

Hearings on **HB 3013 - Kansas board of regents legacy tuition program** were opened.

Representative Henry Helgerson presented an explanation of the bill and introduced further information about it. (Attachments 1 and 2) He urged the committee to pass the bill. Representative Helgerson also presented to the committee written testimony from Dr. Kim Wilcox, Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Regents. (Attachment 3)

Hearings on **HB 3013** were closed.

Hearings on **HB 2714 - State board of education, nonpartisan election; when election held** were opened.

Mark Tallman, representing KASB, appeared before the committee as a proponent of the bill. He stated that he believes that electing board members in nonpartisan elections will help maintain the nonpartisan view of education in our state.

Scott Hill, Legislative Coordinator of the State Board of Education, appeared before the committee in opposition to the bill. He stated that the SBOE has gained statewide visibility and taking away partisanship would destroy that.

Hearings on **HB 2714** were closed.

HB 2934 - School district finance, local option budgets, state prescribed percentage

Representative Crow moved to remove the contents of **HB 2934** and replace it with all of **HB 2901 - School district finance, increasing base state aid per pupil, affecting low enrollment and correlation weightings, revising general fund levy** except Sections 2b and 3e of that bill. Representative Horst seconded the motion. Representative Ballou offered a substitute motion to pass out 2934 favorably. Representative Morrison seconded the substitute motion. Chairman Tanner ruled the substitute motion

out of order. The question was called. The motion failed.

Representative Benlon moved to amend **HB 2934** to allow school districts to have full day kindergarten. Representative Kline seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Lightner moved to pass **HB 2934** as amended. Representative Benlon seconded the motion. The motion failed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.