

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 3:55 p.m. on February 17, 2004 at the rail, third floor of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Christine Downey (excused)
Senator Janis Lee (excused)
Senator Lana Oleen (excused)

Committee staff present:

Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Judy Steinlicht, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes

Others attending:

SB403--Schools; school finance; education first plan

Senator Umbarger called the meeting at the rail to order at 3:55 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairman Umbarger told the committee that he misunderstood the motion made in the Senate Education Committee meeting earlier today. The motion in committee was made by Senator Vratil to amend SB403 by putting the property tax provision back into the bill that was removed by the tax committee. This motion carried.

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes, explained two technical amendments: the first amendment, on page 2, striking all of line 35 and all of line 36 to the word “determine” and the second amendment on page 4, line 9 striking the word “a” and inserting “except as provided by section 1, and amendments thereto”.

Senator Vratil made a motion to recommend SB403 with the two technical amendments explained by Theresa favorably for passage. Seconded by Senator Corbin.

Senator Hensley told the committee that he would oppose the bill on the grounds that he does not believe it is proper for the Education Committee to reverse the decision made by the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee to remove the property tax from the bill.

There were no other comments. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.