

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Carol Beggs at 9:00 a.m. on March 16, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Patricia Barbieri-Lightner- excused

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey Legislative Research Department  
Ann Deitcher, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bob Corkins, Freestate Center for Liberty Studies  
Bert Gall, Institute for Justice  
Craig Barbee, Emporia Christian School  
Bob Goodrich, Independence Bible School  
Beatrice Swoopes, Kansas Catholic Conference  
Karl Peterjohn, Kansas Taxpayers Network  
Delia Barnett, Holy Savior Catholic Academy  
Mark Desetti, KNEA  
Mark Tallman, KASB

The vice-Chair called the Committee's attention to the minutes for February 24, March 4, 8, 9 and 10 that had been distributed.

A motion was made by Representative Mason and seconded by Representative Williams that the minutes be approved. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**HB 2906 - Concerning the provision of financial assistance for kindergarten through twelfth grade for disadvantaged children.**

Offering testimony in support of **HB 2906** was Bob Corkins, (Attachment 1 and 2); Bert Gall, (Attachment 3); Craig Barbee, (Attachment 4); Bob Goodrich, (Attachment 5); Beatrice Swoopes, (Attachment 6); Karl Peterjohn, (Attachment 7) and Delia Barnett, (Attachment 8).

Following a brief questions and answer session, testimony in opposition to **HB 2906** was offered by Terry Forsythe, standing in for Mark Desetti, (Attachment 9) and Mark Tallman, (Attachment 10).

Copies of written only testimony in opposition to **HB 2906** was distributed from Terry Byrd of the Tyro Community Christian School, (Attachment 11) and Gary George of the Olathe School District, (Attachment 12).

The hearing on **HB 2906** was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in room 123-S.