

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on March 10, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Lee Tafanelli- excused
Representative Annie Kuether - excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes
Susan Allen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Steven B. Case, Professor, University of Kansas

Others attending:

See Attached List.

The Chairman introduced Dr. Steven B. Case, who had been invited by Representative Storm to speak to the Committee. Dr. Case described the functions of the KU Center for Science Education, an interdisciplinary program established in 2000 to improve science education throughout the State (Attachment 1).

_____ Dr. Case also discussed PathFinder Science, L.L.C., a science education company that was founded with a grant from the Department of Education in 1997. Dr. Case emphasized that Pathfinder Science provides educational tools for science teachers and online access to science projects and research for students. Dr. Case pointed out that PathFinder Science serves close to 50,000 Kansas students (Attachment 2).

Chairman Sloan asked the Committee for questions about Dr. Case's presentation. Representatives Storm, Reitz, and Gordon commended Dr. Case for his work with science teachers and commented on the impact a dedicated teacher had on their enjoyment of the sciences.

With no further questions, Chairman Sloan thanked Dr. Case and drew the Committee's attention to **SB 314** and asked if there were any proposed amendments to **SB 314**.

SB 314 - Technical colleges; powers and duties of governing body.

Representative Storm moved to adopt the balloon language to **SB 314** (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Reitz. After discussion, the motion carried.

Representative Neighbor moved to adopt Part A of an amendment to **SB 314** which would require a comprehensive study of funding for higher education (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Huntington. After discussion, the motion carried.

Representative Neighbor moved to change the date of Part A of the amendment to **SB 314** from July 1, 2005 to January 10, 2005 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Reitz. After discussion, the motion carried.

Representative Reardon moved to change the phrase of Part A of the amendment to **SB 314** from "governor and legislative educational planning committee" to "governor and legislature" (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. After discussion, the motion passed.