

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:30 p.m. on January 11, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey (excused)

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

The minutes of January 9 and January 10 were approved on a motion by Senator Teichman, seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion Carried

Two conceptual bills, #1rs0185 regarding School for the blind and state school for the deaf, teacher due process requirement and #1rs0191 School districts, hearings for teachers upon nonrenewal or termination of contracts of employment. A motion was made by Senator Jean Schodorf to introduce the bills, seconded by Senator John Vratil. Motion carried.

Chairman Umbarger introduced and welcomed Andy Tompkins who gave the committee an briefing on the status of education in Kansas, "Kansas Education 1999-2000: A Solid Foundation For A New Century". (Attachment 1) His data showed where we have challenges and where we can make a difference. He stated Kansas trends are good, that Kansas kids are in the top 10 percent.

Questions from committee members were answered by Mr. Tompkins and the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Umbarger.

The next meeting is January 16, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.

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