

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Deena Horst at 9:00 A.M. on February 16 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Kathe Decker - Excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rodney Bieker, Gen. Counsel, Ks Dept. Of Ed
Terry Collins, KASEA Chair
Cynthia Kelly, Atty. KASB
Don Wilson, USA
Kevin Siek, Topeka Independent Living Resource Center
Rocky Nichols, Disability Rights Ctr. Of Kansas
Jennifer Schwartz, Lawrence, KS
Lesli Girard, Families Together
Kim Strunk, Ks Council on Disabilities
Rob Loftin, Board of Ed, Weskan, KS

HB 2331 - School districts; relating to provision of special ed.

Appearing before the Committee in regard to **HB 2331** were: Rodney Bieker, (Attachments 1 and 2); Terry Collins, (Attachment 3); Cindy Kelly, (Attachment 4); Don Wilson, (Attachment 5); Kevin Siek, (Attachment 6); Rocky Nichols, (Attachments 7 and 8); Jennifer Schwartz, (Attachment 9); Lesli Girard, (Attachment 10) and Kim Strunk, (Attachment 11).

Written only testimony on **HB 2331** was offered by: Tanya Dorf, (Attachment 12), Deborah Halton, (Attachment 13) and Josie Torrez, (Attachment 14).

Following a questions and answers the hearing on **HB 2331** was closed.

HB 2333 - relating to out-of-state pupils.

Speaking in opposition to **HB 2333** was Robert Loftin. (Attachment 15).

The hearing on **HB 2333** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005.