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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: A quorum was present

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Linda Taylor, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Cynthia Lutz Kelley, KASB
Craig Grant, KNEA
Linda Baker, USD 501 School Board Member
Brilla Scott, United School Administrators

Others attending: See Attached List

Hearings on **SB 231 - School districts, boards of education, membership by professional or administrative employees prohibited** were opened.

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department, gave the committee a briefing on the bill, stating that it comes up on a yearly basis.

Cynthia Lutz Kelley, attorney for KASB, appeared before the committee as a proponent of the bill. (Attachments 1 and 2) She urged the committee to pass **SB 231**, stating that the courts have repeatedly ruled in favor of similar legislation.

Craig Grant, KNEA, appeared before the committee in opposition to **SB 231**. (Attachment 3) He stated that his members look upon this bill as a way of denying employees of school district the opportunity to serve on school boards. He suggested that it should be left to the voters to choose their board members.

Linda Baker, USD 501 School Board Member and teacher in the district, appeared before the committee in opposition to **SB 231**. (Attachment 4) She also requested that committee members not pass this bill, but leave the decision of who serves on the boards up to the voters.

Brilla Scott, United School Administrators, appeared before the committee in support of **SB 231**. (Attachment 5)

Hearings on **SB 231** were closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.