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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 A.M. on March 21, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Benjamin Hodge - absent
Representative Marti Crow- excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dale Dennis, Interim Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education
Dr. Tom Foster, Kansas State Department of Education

At the request of the Chairman, Dale Dennis and Dr. Tom Foster administered a sample math assessment test to Committee members which was based on Released Items from 6th Grade Kansas Mathematics Assessments. Upon completion and grading of the assessment test, a brief question and answer discussion followed. (Attachments #1 and #2)

A sample reading assessment test was then administered to Committee members which was based on Released Passage and Items from 8th Grade Kansas Reading Assessment. Upon completion and grading of the assessment test, a brief question and answer session followed. (Attachments #3 and #4)

The Chairman reminded Committee members they should be considering topics for interim and issues to be looked at for next year's session.

Sharon Wenger gave a report on the actions of the Senate Education Committee regarding bills worked by that committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2007.