

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:30 p.m. on February 4, 2009, in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Chris Steineger- absent

Committee staff present:
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dorothy Gerhardt, Committee Assistant

Others attending:
See attached list.

Hearing on SCR 1604 - Encouraging the Kansas State Historical Society to commemorate the Kansas sesquicentennial

Senator Jean Schodorf presented a short review of the resolution's origin developed from the Joint Committee on Arts and Cultural Resources. The Resolution would put the Legislature on record as supporting the Kansas State Historical Society in developing a plan to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the admission of Kansas to the Union. Jennie Chinn, with the Kansas State Historical Society, stated this support of the state would allow them support in raising private funds for commemoration of the event.

Senator Abrams moved the committee recommend SCR 1604 favorably for passage. The motion was seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Hearing on SB 73 - School districts; special local option budget authority for certain school years

Senator Vratil presented an amendment to **SB 73**. This amendment would revise Section 1(a) and (b). Basically the provisions of the subsection would apply in any school year in which the amount of base state aid per pupil is \$4,433 or less. The board of any school district may adopt a local option budget which does not exceed the local option budget calculated as if the base state aid per pupil was \$4,433, or which does not exceed an amount authorized by K.S.A. 72-6433, whichever is greater. The provisions of the amendment would also apply to special education funding.

Senator Vratil moved SB 73 be amended as presented. The motion was seconded by Senator Owens. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Vratil moved to recommend SB 73 favorable for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Senator Owens. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Hearing on SB 131 - Technical colleges; change in name or designation

Following a short discussion, Senator Abrams moved to amend SB 131 by striking line 15 referring to the Northeast Kansas Technical College. The motion was seconded by Senator Owens. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Teichman moved to recommend SB 131 favorable for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Senator Abrams. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.