

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on February 13, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Rep. Bob Tomlinson
Scott Starkey, Pres. Of KASRO,
KS. Assoc. Of School Resource Officers,
EIDorado Police Department
Jay Fleer, Vice-Pres. KASRO
Mark Tallman, KS Assoc. of School Boards

HB 2669 - School safety, definition of weapon to include ammunition.

Representative Tomlinson spoke as a proponent of **HB 2669**. (Attachment 1).

Master Patrolman Scott Starkey of the EIDorado Police Department offered testimony in support of **HB 2669**. (Attachment 2).

Also speaking in favor of **HB 2669** was Jay Fleer, Resource Officer at Shawnee Mission Horizons High School. (Attachments 3 and 4).

Mark Tallman offered comments in regard to **HB 2669**. He said that he was not appearing as an opponent of the bill because in the past their organization had actually supported these types of additions. He did believe that they should raise a couple of concerns. Primarily their concern was the way things were continuing to be added to the list.

Mr. Tallman felt that by the bill specifying "everything," some things were bound to be left out. He pointed out that putting something on this list mandated a one-year expulsion but a school board may take action on a one-year expulsion for any other action that they believe is important. On the other hand, putting something on this list still allows the superintendent to waive that punishment at their discretion.

Following a period of questions and answers, it was decided that the bill would not be worked at this time.

The hearing on **HB 2669** was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2002.