

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 P.M. on March 8, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Carl Krehbiel- excused
Representative Don Hill- excused
Representative JoAnn Pottorff- excused
Representative Valdenia Winn- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Haley DaVee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Ruth Teichman
Scott Gates, Kansas Treasurer's Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan opened the hearing on **SB 305 - Kansas comprehensive grant program; students attending institutions accredited by American Association of Bible Colleges, eligibility of** and welcomed Senator Ruth Teichman to the committee as a proponent. Senator Teichman suggested that this was a necessary measure to help students meet the high cost of a college education. (Attachment 1) Chairman Sloan pointed to written testimony in support of **SB 305** submitted by Representative Dennis McKinney. (Attachment 2)

Seeing no questions from the committee, Chairman Sloan closed the hearing on **SB 305** and opened the hearing on **SB 330 - Learning Quest (family postsecondary savings accounts); removing penalty for early withdrawal.**

Scott Gates, Kansas Treasurer's Office, was welcomed to the committee to testify as a proponent of **SB 330**. He suggested that the legislation would encourage more Kansans to save for college by removing penalties for non-qualified withdrawals. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Sloan closed the hearing on **SB 330** and turned the committee's attention to **SB 436 - Community colleges and school districts; personnel evaluations.**

Representative Storm moved that **SB 436** be passed favorably and placed on the consent calender. Representative Sharp seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

The committee's attention was turned to **SB 305 - Kansas comprehensive grant program; students attending institutions accredited by American Association of Bible Colleges, eligibility of.**

Representative Horst moved to replace the contents of the bill with an amendment to 74-32,146. (Attachment 4) Representative Sharp seconded the motion.

Questions were asked by Representatives Storm and Carlin.

The motion carried.

Action on **SB 305** was put on hold to allow Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor, time to get language on a

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suggested amendment by Representative Carlin.

Chairman Sloan turned the committee's attention back to **SB 330 - Learning Quest (family postsecondary savings accounts); removing penalty for early withdrawal.**

Representatives Menghini and Carlin asked questions regarding the legislation.

Representative Horst moved that SB 330 be passed favorably. Representative Carlin seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan asked Representative Sharp to carry the bill and then instructed the committee to return their attention to **SB 305.**

Representative Carlin proposed an amendment. Representatives Horst, Storm, and Sloan asked questions regarding the amendment.

Representative Carlin moved that the balloon be adopted. Representative Kelsey seconded the motion.

Questions and concerns were raised by Representatives Johnson, Menghini, and Horst.

Representatives Carlin and Kelsey asked that their motions be withdrawn.

Representative Horst moved that SB 305 be passed favorably as amended. Representative Otto seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

With no further business, Chairman Sloan adjourned the committee at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2006 at 3:30 in Rm. 231-N.