

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on February 18, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Roger Reitz- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Susan Allen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Todd Novascone
Shane Prill, Certified Financial Planner, Wichita
Richard Hoffman, Director, Kaw Area Technical School

Others attending:

See Attached List.

HB 2755 - University of Kansas and Wichita State University mens' basketball teams to play each other.

Chairman Sloan opened hearings on **HB 2755**.

Paul Savage, Wichita Sports Hall of Fame, submitted written testimony in favor of **HB 2755** (Attachment 1).

Representative Todd Novascone testified as a proponent of **HB 2755**. Representative Novascone testified that many other states have similar legislation and that these games would be memorable to the supporters of both teams(Attachment 2).

Shane Prill, Wichita, testified as a proponent of **HB 2755**. Mr. Prill testified that there would be an economic benefit as a result of these games (Attachment 3).

Chairman Sloan advised the Committee of the Fiscal Note for **HB 2755** (Attachment 4).

Representatives Phelps and Huntington asked if there was support from the University of Kansas Athletic Department for scheduling these games and what the associated costs would incur. Representative Novascone said he had not contacted the University of Kansas.

There being no further, the Chairman Sloan closed the hearings on **HB 2755**.

HB 2795 - Compulsory school attendances; exemption for students in postsecondary educational institutions.

Chairman Sloan opened hearings on **HB 2795**.

Richard Hoffman, Kaw Area Technical School, testified as a proponent of **HB 2795**. Mr. Hoffman included the United States Department of Education "Audit Results" with his testimony which indicated that Kaw Area Technical School would be required to repay \$882,445.00 in government aid (Attachment 5).