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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: A quorum was present.

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Linda Taylor, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Ray Cox
Dr. Robert J. VanMaren
Mark Tallman
Craig Grant
Representative Clay Aurand

Others attending: See Attached List

Hearings on **HB 2584 - School districts, fees for maintenance of full day kindergarten classes** were opened.

Representative Ray Cox, sponsor of the bill, introduced Dr. Robert VanMaren, Superintendent of Schools at USD 204, who appeared before the committee as a proponent of the bill. (Attachment 1) Dr. VanMaren stated that his district has been interested for some time in establishing a full day kindergarten program, but the costs would be prohibitive if the schools were not allowed to charge fees to help allay part of the costs.

Mark Tallman of the KASB appeared before the committee as an opponent of the bill. He stated that KASB cannot support **HB 2584** because of its implications on school finance. (Attachment 2) He stated that while KASB recognizes the advantages of full day kindergarten classes, they feel this should be funded by the state.

Craig Grant of the KNEA appeared before the committee as an opponent of the bill. Mr. Grant stated that the KNEA also supports full day kindergarten, but believes it should be funded by the state. He stated that while KNEA supports the intent, they cannot support the bill because of its impact on school finance.

Hearings on **HB 2584** were closed.

Representative Tanner asked Representative Morrison to present his report on the KAN-ED subcommittee. Representative Morrison stated that the House Utilities Subcommittee on KAN-ED met with his committee to consider the bill. Their goal was to bring together all of the participants in order to produce a workable and acceptable bill. Representative Tanner stated that this bill is vital to the educational opportunities of Kansas Children.

Hearings on **HB 2862 - School district, nonresident pupils, transportation** were opened.

Representative Clay Aurand appeared before the committee as a proponent of the bill. He presented written testimony supplied by the Mike Boeh family explaining why they believe the bill is necessary. Representative Aurand then asked the committee to favorably consider the bill. (Attachment 4)

Hearings on **HB 2862** were closed.

Representative Mason moved to pass **HB 2862** out to the Consent Calendar. Representative Lloyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

HB 2388 - Private elementary or secondary school students, participation in extracurricular activities

Representative Faber moved to pass **HB 2388** favorably. Representative Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion failed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.