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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 1, 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
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Linda Taylor, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Troy Findley
Scott Hill, SBOE, Abilene area

Others attending: See Attached List

Representative Henry Helgerson moved to introduce the bills generated by the Glasscock-Tanner proposal. Representative Empson seconded. The motion passed.

Representative Helgerson moved to introduced the Glasscock-Tanner bills as Education Committe bills Representative Empson seconded. The motion passed.

Representative Helgerson moved to introduce a bill sponsored by Representative Bruce Larkin which allows students who have successfully completed a human sexuality class to be issued condoms. Representative Empson seconded. The motion passed.

Representative O'Connor moved to introduce the O'Connor Education plan. Representative Helgerson seconded. The motion passed.

Representative Horst moves to introduce a bill adding several facilities to the list of confined juvenile facilities. Representative Helgerson seconded. The motion passed.

Hearing on Constitutional amendments concerning the State Board of Education opens.

Scott Hill, member of the State Board of Education appeared before the committee in opposition to **HCR 5008 - Constitutional amendment relating to education, self-executing power of the state board, gubernatorial appointment of commissioner.** (Attachment 1) Mr. Hill stated that he felt there was still a lot of work to do regarding the board, but feels that work involves issues, not a reorganization of the board. After his presentation, Mr. Hill stood for questions.

Representative Troy Findley, sponsor of **HCR 5003 - state board of education, membership** appeared before the committee as a proponent. Representative Findley explained that the resolution provides for adding an eleventh elected member of the board. (Attachment 2) He stated that the board will still have single member districts. Representative Findley stated that this resolution came about because of the large number of 5-5 ties on the board and he believes it will end the gridlock on the board, allowing them to move forward. Representative Findley stood for questions.

Representative Tanner stated that the committee will look at four and possibly five proposals concerning the State Board of Education this session.

Hearings on Constitutional amendments concerning the State Board of Education were closed.

The meeting was adjourned.

