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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 8, 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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached List

Hearings and discussion on bills and resolutions concerning the governance of education, K-12 were opened.

Commissioner of Education, Dale Dennis, presented information to the committee members concerning the number of tie votes in State Board of Education proceedings. (Attachment 1)

Representative Tanner announced that Thursday meeting will be a joint meeting with the Senate Education Committee. He also stated that the committee would begin to work those bills that are a part of the various education reform proposals on the following Monday.

Staff member Carolyn Rampey of the Legislative Research Department presented a memo she had prepared on the Peabody decision. (Attachment 2) She stated that at the time the article was adopted the State Board of Education and the Regents had statutory authority but not constitutional authority. At the time, the SBOE was largely an advisory group and the power was held by the State Superintendent who did have Constitutional authority. The change was made because of fragmentation of supervisory authority.

Staff member Avis Swartzman presented to the committee members a memorandum on The Education Article of the Kansas Constitution and also a memorandum she had prepared for the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. She explained some of the language involved and answered questions from the committee members.

Ralph stated that he felt the Peabody Decision's major shortcoming lies in the absence of actual research. He also stated that the committee would re-visit this issue again in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.