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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 March 2, 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: Duane Johnson, State Library
Craig Grant, KNEA
Alan Weis, KTEC
Mary Kay Culp, Kansas Catholic Conference

Others attending: See Attached List

Hearings were opened on **HB 2591 - State education technology network (KAN-ED) established** were opened.

Duane Johnson of the State Library appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2591**. (Attachment 1) Mr. Johnson stressed the importance of the bill, stating that an information network is important to the economy and distance learning.

Craig Grant, KNEA representative, appeared before the committee as a proponent of **HB 2591**. (Attachment 2) He stated that education and economic development go hand in hand, which makes this bill extremely important.

Mr. Grant introduced Alan Weis of KTEC who shared his thoughts on **HB 2591** with the committee. (Attachment 3)

Mary Kay Culp of the Kansas Catholic Conference appeared before the committee as a proponent of **HB 2591**. (Attachment 4) She supports the bill, but did express concerns over how the KAN-ED will interface with federal programs.

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