

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

January 31, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m., with all members present except Reps. Kvaalen and Lund, who were excused, and Rep. Kennerly, who was absent.

House Bill 416 was discussed. Rep. Lynch, chief sponsor, said the bill was submitted at the request of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Sale of termspapers to students defeats the meaning of education and is not fair to honest students.

Proponents were Irving Dayton, Steven Veazie; Mae Nan Ellingson also testified for information purposes. Their testimony is attached. There were no opponents.

House Bill 410 was discussed next. Rep. Dussault, chief sponsor, said this bill allows districts to establish programs to serve gifted and talented children and provides for funding of the programs. Two years ago she introduced a bill to put this program under special education. The bill was killed in the Senate. The structure under this bill is discretionary; the local school district will have total control over establishment and management of their own program. They will have to put up a dollar for dollar match for part of the appropriation of \$50,000 per year in the Governor's budget. OSPI will have the opportunity to accept or reject a district's application. The long run intent is to put programs into the foundation program and make them available to all children that qualify in the state. The use of special education personnel in the bill is an error--the intent was to allow psychologists, etc., in special education, to evaluate, not serve the gifted.

Proponents were Dr. George Camp, Eric Jacobsen, Gary Hall, Harriett Meloy, Maurice Hickey, Kenneth Olsen, Phillip Ward., Jr., Marie McAlear. Opponents were Robert Laumeyer and John W. Moore. Their testimony is attached.

House Bill 448 was discussed next. Rep. Barrett, chief sponsor, said this bill failed last session so the reasons for not holding school were reduced. It only provides 3 days off and only for severe weather emergencies.

Proponents were Maurice Hickey, Chadwick Smith.

House Bill 443 was discussed next. Rep. Estenson, chief sponsor, read a statement in support of the bill (attached).

Proponents were Maurice Hickey, Lloyd Markell, Opponents were Chadwick Smith, Helen Kampfe, George Lippert and Wayne Buchanan. Their testimony is attached.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.