

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

February 7, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 4:25 p.m., with all members present except Chairperson Dussault and Rep. Uhde, who were excused, and Rep. Kennerly, who was absent.

House Bill 649 was discussed. Rep. Bertelson, chief sponsor, said the bill would provide additional reimbursement for certain parents driving their children to school. The request for the bill came from county superintendents around the state. The problem is where there are 2 or 3 children in different schools and the parents have to make 2 or more trips to take them to the school or the school bus. This bill allows the OSPI to pay them for more than 1 trip.

Bob Stockton testified as a proponent of the bill. His statements are attached.

House Bill 541 was discussed next. Rep. Meyer, chief sponsor, said the bill will have OSPI give class 6 certification to school psychologists. Dr. George Camp, John Voorhis and Del Gustin testified as proponents. Their testimony is attached.

House Bill 546 was discussed next. Rep. Barrett, chief sponsor, said this bill would require that the county treasurer notify OSPI as to the amount of county school moneys on deposit. Bob Stockton testified as a proponent of the bill. His testimony is attached.

House Bill 545 was discussed next. Rep. Barrett, chief sponsor, said that the bill allows teachers serving in elected or appointed offices to count that period of time in calculating retirement time. He said it will prevent the hardship of having to give up retirement time in order to serve in public office. Mr. Irving Dayton said he thought that time could be moved from one system to another. The question would be whether legislators are under any system. Rep. Barrett was asked to research this and report back to the committee.

The Vice-chairman announced that House Bill 391 is being held in committee until Rep. Uhde can clarify his amendments. He also said that there will be a luncheon meeting with OSPI at noon on February 8 and all members are invited.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

PETER J. GILLIGAN, JR., Vice-chairman