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# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 2991

May 26, 1995 Hearing Room H170 2:00 PM Tape 1

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Lynn Snodgrass, Chair

Sen. Ken Baker

Sen. Shirley Gold

Sen. Tom Hartung

Rep. John Meek

Rep. Barbara Ross

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Jan McComb, Committee Administrator Pamela Berger, Committee Assistant Shelley Jones, Committee Assistant

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## TAPE 1, A

- 010 CHAIR SNODGRASS: Calls meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.
  - -Welcoming remarks and review of proposed amendments.
  - -Amendments are to come through the conference committee members.
- 040 REP. ROSS: Appreciates all the work that the Senate has done.
- O51 SEN. HARTUNG: Appreciates the work done by the House and the Senate only built upon the previous work done by the House. Comments that the federal government is trying to relinquish local control back to the State.

This is a great opportunity to strengthen the Department of Education.

- 075 REP. SNODGRASS: Reviews proposed conceptual changes, key points. (EXHIBIT A)
  - -Suggest pilot projects be established.
  - -Suggest more definitions be included in the language.
- 120 -Department of Education to extend and be able to waive timelines if needed.
  - -Implementation of assessment systems for each subject.
- -Foreign languages disagreement between the House and Senate version, recommendation is to adopt the House version which requires students graduating by 2002 to have completed two years language; proficiency not required.
- 190 -Eliminate feasibility study for statewide testing at grades 2,4,6,8,10 and 12.

- 205 SEN. BAKER: When will proposed amendments be available.
- 210 CINDY HUNT, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL: Responds 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 29, 1995.
- 215 SEN. HARTUNG: The definition of outcome based education needs to be done.
- REP. MEEK: Request Joanne Flint be allowed to address the committee and assist the committee in what some of the definitions might be.
- JOANNE FLINT, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Would be happy to supply definitions to the committee and assist them.
- 250 REP. ROSS: Agrees that inflammatory language should be deleted, and a common understanding of the terms being used would be helpful.
- SEN. BAKER: Agrees that a working understand of outcome based education would be good to have and agree upon the definition.
- 279 SEN. HARTUNG: Addressing the site councils issue, none of the plans will work unless there is a plan to implement the site councils. The teachers are really the key to site councils and should be a major player is the make up of the councils.
- 315 REP. SNODGRASS: Agrees that the site councils will be very important, but wants those to be locally controlled.
- 330 SEN. BAKER: The Senate version has a safety valve if a local districts is not fulfilling the requirements of the site councils.
- 360 REP. MEEK: Comments on Section 23.
- 383 SEN. GOLD: Comments to the social services key point, relating to early childhood education, parenting education and services to children.
- 410 CHAIR SNODGRASS: Adjourns meeting at 2:35 p.m. Conference Committee will reconvene

  Monday May 29, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Shelley Jones Jan McComb Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

## EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - HB 2991, Proposed Conceptual Changes-Key Points- Snodgrass- 2 pages