

**MINUTES OF THE
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**
November 14, 2001 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 223 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Richard M. Siddoway, House Chair
Sen. Scott Jenkins
Sen. Steve Poulton
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen
Rep. Cindy Beshear
Rep. Carl Duckworth
Rep. Brent Goodfellow
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
Rep. Carl R. Saunders

Rep. Peggy Wallace
Rep. Bradley A. Winn

Members Absent:

Sen. Beverly A. Evans, Senate Chair
Sen. Paula Julander
President Al Mansell
Speaker Martin R. Stephens

Staff Present:

Ms. Jami Momberger, Research Analyst
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Jennifer Markham, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or contact the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order

Chair Siddoway called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Allen moved to approve the minutes of October 24, 2001. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Philpot absent for the vote.

2. Tourism Amendments

Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel, ORLGC (Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel), reviewed changes to draft legislation, "Tourism Amendments." A copy of the legislation was distributed to committee members prior to the meeting.

Ms. Maridene Hancock, Cache Valley Travel Council, questioned if an outside independent audit would be required. Mr. Wilson explained that the same audit procedure for TRT (Transient Room Tax) will be followed for the TRCC (Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention Tax) revenues.

Ms. Kara Trevino, Salt Lake County Mayor's Office; and Mr. Wilf Sommerkorn, Director, Community and Economic Development, Davis County, expressed opposition to the changes made by the draft legislation to U.C.A. Section 59-12-603, the TRCC Tax.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to delete line 16 and lines 126-244 and approve draft legislation "Tourism Amendments" as a committee bill.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Allen moved to approve the original draft legislation "Tourism Amendments" as written. The motion failed, with Rep. Allen voting in favor of the motion, and Rep. Philpot absent for the vote.

The committee returned to the original motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Information Item - Status Report

Rep. Sheryl Allen provided a summary of draft legislation she plans to introduce, during the 2002 General Session, that will increase the TRT by .25% and the TRCC by .1% and include convenience store food sales. The additional revenue would be directed to the tourism performance marketing fund.

Ms. Kathy Smith, Castle Country Travel Region, stated that the convenience stores should be included in the TRT.

Ms. Ann Gambrino, Utah Hotel Association, and Ms. Melva Sine, Utah Restaurant Association, expressed opposition to any new tax on the industry.

4. Department of Workforce Services

Mr. Wilson discussed draft legislation "Department of Workforce Services."

Mr. James Finch, Deputy Director, DWS (Department of Workforce Services), recommended that the Department of Workforce Services be added to the list for access to financial information relative to an official investigation. He proposed adding the following words to line 28 "for the purpose of verifying eligibility or investigating and collecting overpayments".

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to amend line 28 to read "the Department of Workforce Services for the purpose of verifying eligibility or investigating and collecting overpayments". The motion failed in the Senate, with Sen. Jenkins and Sen. Poulton voting in opposition.

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to approve the draft legislation "Department of Workforce Services" as a committee bill. The motion failed with Rep. Allen, Rep. Beshear, Rep. Goodfellow, and Rep. Litvak voting in favor of the motion.

5. Child Care Amendments

Ms. Jami Momberger, Research Analyst, OLRGC, discussed the draft legislation, "Child Care Amendments." Ms. Sarah Brenna, Policy Analyst, Department of Workforce Services, distributed and

reviewed a copy of the proposed draft legislation with changes recommended by the Department of Workforce Services and Child Care Advisory Committee.

Ms. Karen Silver, Advocate, Salt Lake Community Action Program, recommended maintaining the words "be a recent 'Family Friendly' award winner who received the award because of efforts" on lines 137 and 138.

MOTION: Rep. Allen moved to amend the draft legislation as proposed by the Department of Workforce Services with the exception of line 137 in the original bill. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Jenkins moved to approve the amended draft legislation "Child Care Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed, with Rep. Philpot voting in opposition.

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Saunders moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

