

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 20, 1998 - 2:30 P.M.
Room 303, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, Chairman
Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chairman
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen
Rep. Duane Bourdeaux
Rep. Judy Buffmire
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Keele Johnson
Rep. Susan Koehn
Rep. Tammy J. Rowan
Rep. Richard Siddoway
Rep. Patricia Larson
Rep. Bill Wright

STAFF PRESENT: J. Wayne Lewis, Research Analyst
Jean Holyoak, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Rep. Lloyd Frandsen called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

H.B. 7 - COMPUTERS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM - Rep. Sheryl Allen

Rep. Sheryl Allen presented her bill which establishes a pilot program for refurbishing donated computers to be used in public schools. It provides for a \$500,000 appropriation for administration, a facility established at a State correctional facility where the computers will be updated. Speaking favorably to the bill were: Con Rowley, Governor's Office; Jerry Peterson, USOE; Vicky Dahn, USOE; Jeff Martin, VCI; Phyllis Sorenson, UEA; Judy Larson; USBA; Wes Quinton, Utah Taxpayers Assn.; and Steve Petersen, USBA/USSA.

MOTION: Motion to pass the bill out favorably was made by Rep. Susan Koehn. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were Rep. Patricia Larson, Rep. Tammy Rowan, and Rep. Bill Wright.

H.B. 16 - FUNDING CLASSROOM SUPPLIES - Rep. Ron Bigelow

Rep. Ron Bigelow introduced his bill and said the appropriation in the introduced bill was inadequate to cover the number of teachers in the system. The legislation requires each teacher may be paid up to \$150 for reimbursement for classroom supplies.

MOTION: A motion was made by Rep. Bigelow to amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, Line 5: After "A" delete "\$3,000,000" and insert \$3,750,000."
Page 1, Line 12: Delete "\$3,000,000" and insert "\$3,750,000"

The motion passed unanimously. Absent were Rep. Duane Bourdeaux, Rep. Larson and Rep. Rowan

Rep. Bigelow presented the amended bill with an appropriation of \$3,750,000 for teacher classroom supplies and materials. Speaking favorably to the bill were: Susan Kuziak, UEA; Judy Larson, USBA; Paula Plant, Utah PTA; and Laurie Chivers, USOE.

MOTION: Rep. Judy Buffmire made a motion to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The vote was unanimous. Absent for the vote were Reps. Bourdeaux and Larson.

H.B. 179 - TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS -

Rep. Keele Johnson, et al

Rep. Keele Johnson presented his bill to the Committee to increase the tax rate a local school board may levy for transporting students with a State guarantee not to exceed 85% of the State average cost per mile. Speaking favorably to the bill were: Laurie Chivers, USOE; Steve Peterson, USBA, USSA; and Con Rowley, Governor's Office.

MOTION: A motion was made by Rep. Buffmire to amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, Line 13: After "MILE" insert ", CONTINGENT UPON THE
LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A STATE
CONTRIBUTION"

Page 3, Line 7: After "state" delete "shall" and insert "may" and after "mile" delete
"based on" and insert "contingent upon the Legislature -
appropriating funds for a state contribution."

Page 3, Line 8: Delete line 8

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were Reps. Bourdeaux and Larson.

MOTION: Motion was made by Rep. Koehn to pass the bill out favorably. The vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Motion was made by Rep. Allen to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. After Committee discussion, Rep. Allen withdrew the motion.

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H.B. 184 - EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE AMENDMENTS -

Rep. A. Lamont Tyler, et al

Rep. Tyler presented his bill which establishes methods to be used to appropriate funds for educational technology. Speaking favorably to this bill were Vicky Dahn, USOE; Mike Peterson, Utah State Board of Regents; Jerry Peterson, USOE; and Dr. Colleen Kennedy, U of U Graduate School of Education.

MOTION: Upon motion by Rep. Larson, the bill passed out favorably.

MOTION: Rep. Allen made a motion to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Rep. Wright.

H.C.R. 3 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS

RESOLUTION - Rep. Keele Johnson, et al

Rep. Johnson presented his resolution which recognizes the importance of teacher preparation and professional development programs. It proposes a Joint Liaison Committee which will bring recommendations to the Legislature for legislation or policies which will improve those programs. Speaking favorably to the resolution were: Steve Laing, USOE; Susan Kuziak, UEA; and Colleen Kennedy, U of U.

MOTION: A motion was made by Rep. Rowan to hold the bill.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: A substitute motion was made by Rep. David Hogue to pass the bill out favorably. The substitute motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were Reps. Koehn and Wright.

Upon motion by Rep. Bigelow, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, Chair

Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chair