

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 5, 1998 - 3:00 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. Patricia Larson
Rep. Tammy J. Rowan
Rep. Richard Siddoway
Rep. Bill Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Susan Koehn

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 3:22 p.m.

H.B. 303 - CENTER FOR THE SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE - Rep. Beverly Evans

Rep. Evans presented her bill which establishes the Center for the School of the Future at the Utah State University. It provides a model for improvement in public education. Included in the school is an education research institute as well as a teacher's academy. Assisting her in the presentation was Dr. George Emert, President, Utah State University and Dr. Andy Gibbons, Director, School of the Future. Speaking against the bill were Gayle Ruzika, Eagle Forum and Ruth Robinson, citizen.

MOTION: Rep. Patricia Larson made a motion to pass the bill out favorably.

Because there was no specific data that the Committee needed to examine and evidence that the role and mission of the Center did not duplicate the funding of the State Office of Education, the following motion was made:

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Sheryl Allen made a substitute motion to hold the bill. The motion passed.
Voting against the bill was Rep. Larson.

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Upon motion by Rep. Ron Bigelow, the revised minutes of January 28 were approved unanimously. Rep. Bigelow made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the votes was Rep. Bill Wright.

Rep. Frandsen noted that H.B. 300, Educator Background Check Amendments sponsored by Rep. Jeff Alexander, would not be heard in today's meeting. It will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

MOTION: Rep. Bigelow made a motion that H.B. 106, Truancy Prevention Appropriation sponsored by Rep. Jeff Alexander, be tabled at the request of the sponsor and sent back to the Rules Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were Reps. Bourdeaux, Johnson and Wright.

H.B. 161 - APPROPRIATION FOR UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION/ UINTAH
BASIN EDUCATION CENTER - Rep. Beverly Evans

Rep. Evans presented her bill which provides for an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to Utah State University for the construction of the Uintah Basin Education Center. She reported that the entire effort was in partnership with the Uintah Basin business community.

MOTION: Rep. Allen made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed. Voting against the motion were Reps. Bigelow and Frandsen. Absent for the vote were Reps. Buffmire and Wright.

S.B. 77 - MIDDLE SCHOOLS TASK FORCE - Sen. David H. Steele, et al

Sen. Steele presented his bill. It creates a middle schools task force, providing for membership and membership duties as well as an interim report. It has an appropriation of \$24,500. Rep. Allen mentioned a recent problem in a middle school in Syracuse, Utah. She gave special attention to the excellent way school officials handled the situation. Speaking for the bill were: Scott Bean, Supt., Public Instruction; Con Rowley, Governor's Office; Susan Kuziak, UEA; Steve Peterson, USBA/USSA; and Paula Plant, Utah PTA.

MOTION: Rep. Richard Siddoway made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were Reps. Buffmire and Wright.

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Upon motion by Rep. Bigelow, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chair

Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, Chair