

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 16, 1998 - 8:00 A.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. Patricia Larson
Rep. Tammy J. Rowan
Rep. Richard Siddoway

MEMBERS ABSENT: 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. Ron Bigelow called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. He relinquished the Chair to Rep. Lloyd Frandsen in order to present his bill. Rep. David Hogue made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 1998; the motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 386 - STABILIZING SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES - Rep. Ron Bigelow

Rep. Bigelow presented his bill which provides for a process which would deal with school boundary adjustments between school districts due to annexation by a city, causing its residents to be served by more than one school district. Speaking in favor of the bill were: Stephen Ronnenkamp, Supt., Granite District; Judy Larson and Lynn Davidsen, Granite School Board; Barry Newbold, Supt., Jordan District; David Spatafore, UCCT; and Douglas Bates, USOE. Speaking against the bill were Ron Stephens, Supt., Murray School District; and Richard Clark, Murray School District Business Manager.

MOTION: Rep. Tammy Rowan made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion carried. Voting against the bill were Reps. Duane Bourdeaux, Judy Buffmire, Patricia Larson, and Lloyd Frandsen. Absent for the vote were Reps. Sheryl Allen and Susan Koehn.

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H.B. 392 - TRAINING IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - Rep. David Hogue

MOTION: Rep. Hogue presented the following amendments:

Page 1, Line 7: After "SCHOOL" delete "AND" and insert "OR"

Page 1, Line 24: After "school" delete "and" and insert "or"

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were Reps. Frandsen, Allen, and Koehn.

Rep. Hogue presented his bill which provides that American sign language be taught in the State's public education system, starting at least in middle school or high school level. It also provides that a student who completes an American sign language course may count it to satisfy a foreign language requirement to enter college. Speaking in favor of the bill were: Julie Hogue, student, SLCC; Brian Dale, LCPD; Susan Kuziak, UEA; and Ruth Robinson, parent. Speaking against the bill was Scott Bean, Supt., Public Education. Several Committee members expressed concern that each school district would be required to offer an American sign language course.

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

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Larson made a substitute motion to hold the bill until the next meeting of the Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were Reps. Allen and Frandsen.

S.B. 30 - SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REPORT - Sen. Alarik Myrin

Sen. Myrin presented his bill which provides the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare a report on extracurricular activities each time school districts are realigned for interdistrict play of at least once every three years. Steven Laing, Associate Supt., Public Education, expressed concern about the requirement to collect total time that students are away on extracurricular activities. Speaking favorably to the bill were: Susan Kuziak, UEA and Juneil Lyon, Utah PTA.

MOTION: Rep. Hogue made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion carried. Voting against the motion were Reps. Siddoway and Larson. Absent for the vote were Reps. Frandsen and Allen.

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S.B. 105 - UTAH CENTENNIAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION ACT
AMENDMENT - Sen. LeRay McAllister

Sen. McAllister presented his bill which expands the Utah Centennial Opportunity Program for Education Act which provides financial aid to students, to include Utah students attending a Utah private nonprofit institution accredited by a regional accrediting organization. It also provides for a \$300,000 appropriation to be used for expansion of the program.

MOTION: Rep. Keele Johnson made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The vote was tied and failed. Absent for the vote were Reps. Allen, Larson and Frandsen.

Upon motion by Rep. Hogue, the meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chair

Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, Chair