

**MINUTES OF THE  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

February 12, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT:                   Rep. Nora B. Stephens, Chair  
  Rep. Bryan Holladay, Vice Chair  
  Rep. Loretta Baca  
  Rep. Mary Carlson  
  Rep. Gene Davis  
  Rep. Margaret Dayton  
  Rep. Carl R. Saunders  
  Rep. Raymond Short  
  Rep. Richard L. Walsh

MEMBERS ABSENT:                   Rep. J.W. "Bill" Hickman  
  Rep. Robert H.M. Killpack

STAFF PRESENT:                    Mark Andrews, Research Analyst  
  Janetha W. Hancock, Associate General Counsel  
  Betty M. Bushman, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:                   (List of visitors on file)

The meeting began at 8:10 a.m. with Chair Stephens conducting.

MOTION: Representative Saunders moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 1998 be approved. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Baca, Carlson and Davis absent for the vote.

Chair Stephens announced that H.B.s 105 and 166 would not be considered in today's meeting.

**SUBSTITUTE H.B. 120           DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
  OFFICE OF LICENSING REVISIONS  
  - Representative J. Brent Haymond**

This bill was first introduced to the committee on February 5, 1998 when a substitute to the bill was adopted. Consideration of the bill continued in the meeting of February 10, 1998. At the request of the sponsor, Representative Holladay introduced a second substitute to the bill.

MOTION: Representative Holladay moved that Second Substitute H.B. 120 replace Substitute H.B. 120. The motion passed with Representative Dayton voting in opposition and Representative Davis absent for



**S.B. 40**

**NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING**

- Senator Craig Peterson

Senator Peterson explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Dr. Karl White, Utah State University, and Andrea Pershon.

Jan Ferre, Governor's Council for People With Disabilities, spoke in support of the bill.

Mary Ann Jordan spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Representative Short moved that the bill be passed out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Representative Saunders absent for the vote.

**H.B. 38**

**MENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE PARITY**

- Representative Brian R. Allen

Representative Allen introduced a substitute to the bill.

MOTION: Representative Carlson moved that First Substitute H.B. 38 replace H.B. 38. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Davis and Saunders absent for the vote.

Representative Allen explained the substitute bill to the committee with the assistance of Dr. Mark A. Johnston. Chet Loftis, Associate General Council, answered questions of committee members regarding the bill.

Dr. Michael C. Stevens, Utah Behavioral Health, and Dr. Val Bateman, Utah Medical Association, spoke in support of the bill. Tim Asay, Deseret Mutual Benefit Association, stated that D.M.B.A., after meeting with mental health consultants, is currently evaluating mental health parity and its effect on overall costs.

John T. Nielson, Mental Health Technical Advisory Group of the Utah Health Policy Commission, and Rick Martin, Utah Association of Health Underwriters, spoke in opposition to the bill. Larry Bunkall, Utah Manufacturers Association, spoke in opposition to the bill and distributed a list of the following entities opposed to the bill: Utah Food Industry Association, National Federation of Independent Business, Utah Farm Bureau, Associated General Contractors, Utah Petroleum Association, Utah Mining Association, Utah Taxpayers Association, Utah Broadcasters Association, Utah Mechanical Contractors Association, Western Petroleum Marketers Association, Utah Information Technologies Association, Utah Motor Transport Association, Ogden/Weber Chamber, and Utah Automobile Dealers Association.

MOTION: Representative Walsh moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously with Representative Short absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Rep. Nora B. Stephens  
Committee Chair