

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 223 - State Capitol Building

February 11, 1998

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rep. David Ure, Chair
Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman, Vice Chair
Rep. Brian R. Allen
Rep. John B. Arrington
Rep. Blake D. Chard
Rep. Marda Dillree
Rep. David L. Gladwell
Rep. Patricia Larsen
Rep. Richard L. Walsh

MEMBER ABSENT: Rep. Craig W. Buttars

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Wade, Research Analyst
Karen Holt, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: (List filed with committee minutes.)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ure at 8:15 a.m.

Motion: Rep. Walsh made a motion to accept the minutes of February 9, 1998. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Allen and Chard absent for the vote.

H.B. 416 Task Force Reviewing Optional Forms of County Government (C. Fox-Finlinson)

Rep. Fox-Finlinson introduced the bill.

Brent Gardner, Utah Assn. of Counties, spoke for the bill.

Motion: Rep. Walsh made a motion to pass H.B. 416 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of **7-0-3**, with Rep. Allen and Chard absent for the vote.

H.B. 114 Snow College South (B. Johnson)

Note: During the meeting of February 5, 1998, the committee adopted 1st Substitute H.B. 114.

Rep. Johnson introduced the bill.

Motion: Rep. Allen made a motion to adopt the following amendments to the substitute bill:

1. Page 2, Line 26: After "exit" insert "applied technology education" and after "programs" insert "that emphasize short-term job training or retraining for immediate placement in the job market"
2. Page 2, Line 27: After "students" insert ", including high school students,"
3. Page 3, Line 9: After line 9 insert:
"Section 3. **Intent language.**
(1) (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Board of Regents and the State Board of Education work together with the administration at Snow College and Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center's board of directors, administration, and faculty to develop policies and procedures for a successful transition of the center to Snow College South, dealing with such issues as:
(i) maintaining the center's emphasis on applied technology education and job training as Snow College South;
(ii) providing for sufficient ongoing funding for the institution;
(iii) the retention of current staff; and
(iv) open access to the institution by those seeking to improve their lives through continuing education.
(b) The board shall also seek advice from selected legislators from the region in developing the policies and procedures.
(2) It is the further intent of the Legislature that:
(a) the transition should be completed by January 1, 1999;
(b) the current board of directors and current administration at the institution should continue to function until June 30, 1999; and
(c) student fees should not increase as a result of the transition."
4. Page 3, Line 10: After "Section" delete "3" and insert "4"

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Chard absent for the vote.

Gerald Johnson, Sevier Valley Applied Technology Board, further explained the bill.

Motion: Rep. Allen made a motion to adopt the following amendment:

- Page 2, Line 23: After "applied science" insert ", and shall work with local school districts in developing an aggressive concurrent enrollment program"

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Chard and Dillree absent for the vote.

Motion: Rep. Bowman made a motion to adopt the following amendment:

Page 2, Line 27: Delete "may" and insert "shall"

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Chard and Dillree absent for the vote.

Gerald Day, President of Snow College, further explained the bill.

Handouts were distributed.

Scott Bean, State Board of Education, spoke against the bill.

Mark Fuellenbach, publisher of the Richfield Reaper, a newspaper, spoke for the bill.

Nancy Jensen, board member of Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center, and South Sanpete School District, spoke against the bill.

Scott Bean spoke to the bill.

Rob Brems, Associate Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke against the bill.

Cecelia Foxley, Commissioner of Higher Ed., spoke to the bill.

Motion: Rep. Chard made a motion to move H.B. 114 as substituted and amended out favorably.

Substitute Motion: Rep. Arrington made a substitute motion to adjourn. The substitute motion failed.

The original motion to move the bill out favorably passed with a vote of **5-4-1**, with Rep. Allen, Bowman, Chard, Ure and Walsh voting yes, and Rep. Arrington, Dillree Gladwell and Larsen voting no.

Motion: Rep. Chard made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

David Ure,
Committee Chairman