

**MINUTES OF THE
RETIREMENT STANDING COMMITTEE**
ROOM 403, STATE CAPITOL
February 23, 1998

Members Present: Rep. Susan J. Koehn, Chair
Rep. Raymond W. Short, Vice-Chair
Rep. John B. Arrington
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
Rep. Orville D. Carnahan
Rep. Christine R. Fox-Finlinson
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson

Members Absent: Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Beverly Ann Evans

Staff Present: Stewart E. Smith, Managing Research Analyst
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Barbara Bryner, Committee Secretary

Visitors List: List filed with Committee Minutes

Rep. Koehn called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Short moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 1998. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson and Rep. Buffmire absent for the vote.

1. **H.B. 319** **Public Employee and Public Safety Retirement Amendments (*O. Carnahan*)**

MOTION: Rep. Carnahan moved to adopt Sub. H.B. 319, Public Safety Retirement Amendments (*O. Carnahan*). The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson and Rep. Buffmire absent for the motion.

Rep. Carnahan introduced the substitute bill and explained it to the committee.

Rep. Koehn declared a conflict of interest on the bill.

Fredrick Van DerVeur, Department of Corrections, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to pass the substitute bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson and Rep. Buffmire absent for the vote.

2. **H.B. 156** **Executive Retirement Option (C. Fox-Finlinson)**

Rep. Fox-Finlinson introduced the bill and explained it to the committee.

Kevin Howard, Counsel for the Utah Retirement Office, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Carnahan moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Short voting against the motion and Rep. Buffmire absent for the vote.

3. **H.B. 412** **Retirement Amendments (B. Chard)**

Rep. Chard presented amendments to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Short moved to adopt the following amendments:

1. Page 1, Line 15: After "1998 may" insert "apply to"
2. Page 1, Line 25: Delete "The" and insert "(i) If the Legislature funds the actual costs of the transfers in the 1999 General Session, the" and after line 25 insert: "(ii) If the Legislature does not fund the actual costs of the transfers in the 1999 General Session, the transfers described in this section may not become effective."

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Buffmire and Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent for the vote.

Rep. Chard introduced the amended bill and explained it to the committee.

Nancy Sechrest, Utah Employees Public Association, spoke for the bill. Dee Williams, Utah Retirement Office, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arrington moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Buffmire and Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent for the vote.

4. **H.B. 398** **Retirement Benefit Amendments (*D. Jones*)**

Rep. Jones introduced the bill and explained it to the committee with the assistance of Rebecca Sanchez, Viaticus.

Louise Garcia, Self, and Karen-Suzuki-Okabe, Department of Human Resource Management, spoke for the bill. Daniel McConkie, Retirement Board, spoke to the bill and Kevin Howard, Counsel for the Utah Retirement Office, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Carnahan, Rep. Short and Rep. Koehn voting against the motion and Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Carnahan moved to adjourn. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Rep. Susan J. Koehn,
Committee Chair