

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1998, 8:30 A.M.
Room 416, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. Lorin Jones, Chair
 Sen. Leonard Blackham
 Sen. Joseph Hull
 Sen. Craig Peterson
 Sen. David Steele
 Sen. Howard Stephenson

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Sen. Scott Howell

Staff Present: Wayne Lewis, Legislative Analyst
 Sheila Ainsworth, Secretary

Others Present: List of Others Present on File

Committee Chair Lorin Jones called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

1. **S.B. 95 Orderly School Termination Act Amendments (D. Steele)**

Sen. Steele said he completed his presentation on his bill during the previous meeting. Further discussion was needed only if another amendment was wanted. Sen. Hull was going to present an amendment, but he was not present so in his place, Susan Kuziak gave a summary of that amendment. The amendment says a provisional teacher cannot be terminated if the evaluation process has not been complied with.

Mr. Steve Peterson, Superintendents Association, spoke against the amendment, stating he fears this amendment will clutter the issues. He brought up the case Broadbent v. Board of Education, Cache Co. School District. This amendment would restrict the local boards of education in terminating provisional teachers who do not belong in the classroom and would also cause the board to tarnish a teacher's qualifications if not renewed. He answered questions from the Committee.

Doug Bates clarified the legal rights of the provisional teacher in response to inquiry by Sen. Jones. Mr. Bates said when a teacher is dismissed for cause, it is always on the teacher's record; if the teacher's contract is not renewed, there is nothing on the teacher's record.

Sen. Steele said his bill is for orderly termination, not evaluation. He asked if a new bill should be drafted addressing evaluation.

Sen. Peterson said he will sponsor such a bill.

Superintendent Mower, Sanpete District, said his district has an extensive training and mentoring program; they are making diligent attempts to assist the new teacher.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out as amended in the previous meeting with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

2. **Approval of Minutes** - Sen. Peterson moved to approve the Minutes of January 23, 1998. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

3. **S.B. 30 School Activities Report (A. Myrin)**

Sen. Myrin presented his bill, which requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare a report on extracurricular activities each time school districts are realigned for interdistrict play or at least once every three years. His concern is that sports are taking too much time out of regular classroom instruction.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved an amendment on Page 3, Line 1 by adding "total" before the word "time". The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

MOTION: Sen. Hull moved to amend Page 3, Line 7 after "activities" by inserting "(E) all other school-sponsored activities". The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

Susan Kuziak spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

Committee Chair Lorin Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Sheila Ainsworth, Secretary.

Sen. Lorin Jones, Chair