

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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: Sen. Scott Howell

Members Absent:

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

Others Present: Bruce Bishop, Dean, Utah State University
Marilyn Davies, Assistant to the Dean, University of Utah
Chris Roberts, engineering student, University of Utah
Gil Cook, Vice President, UVSC
Gil Trujillo, Assistant Superintendent, Tooele School District

List of others present on file

Committee Chair Lorin Jones called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1. **S.B. 208 Appropriation for Engineering and Preengineering Program, by C. Peterson**

Sen. Peterson presented his bill to the committee, which provides a \$1,000,000.00 appropriation to strengthen the statewide integration of engineering and pre-engineering programs at the state's nine institutions of higher education. Bruce Bishop, Dean, Utah State University, gave a report of utilization. Other presenters of the bill were Marilyn Davies, Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering, University of Utah, who distributed a hand-out entitled "A Report to the Utah Legislature On the Impact of Engineering Initiative Funding", and Chris Roberts, an engineering student at the University of Utah, who gave to the Legislators and staff a business card holder made by engineering students.

Sen. Stephenson spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting. (5-0-2)

2. **Approval of Minutes** - Sen. Steele moved to approve the Minutes of the Thursday, February 5, 1998 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting. (5-0-2)

3. **SB 177 Long-term Lease - North Campus of UVSC, by Sen. McAllister**

Sen. McAllister presented his bill to the committee, which addresses long-term the needs of UVSC. It mandates that DFCM enter a 50-year lease purchase agreement with UVSC for certain lands owned by the Utah State

Developmental Center. The proceeds will be deposited into a trust fund for People with Disabilities to be used for programs for the disabled. Gil Cook, Vice President of UVSC, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to pass SB 177 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting. (4-0-3)

4. **S.B. 160 After-School Access to Computers Task Force, by Sen. M. Peterson**

Sen. Peterson presented her bill which creates a committee to work out problems involved in putting computers in public libraries for after-school use.

MOTION: Sen. Steele moved to pass SB 160 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting. (4-0-3)

5. **HB 260 Public Education Services Appropriation, by Rep. Gowans**

Rep. Gowans presented his bill to the committee, which provides for a \$300,000.00 appropriation to expand the technology capabilities of public schools on the west desert in Wendover and Ipapa, Utah. Assistant Superintendent Gil Trujillo, Tooele School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Jones questioned whether the wording about maintaining a positive relationship with the State of Nevada should be deleted. Sen. Hull felt like this was an important part of the bill considering the history of the relationship between Utah and Nevada public schools in Wendover.

MOTION: Sen. Steele moved to pass HB 260 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting. (4-0-3)

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

Committee Chair Lorin Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Sheila Ainsworth, Secretary.

Sen. Lorin Jones, Chair