

MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998, 8:30 A.M.  
Room 416, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. Lorin Jones, Chair  
Sen. Joseph Hull  
Sen. David Steele  
Sen. Howard Stephenson

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Howell

Members Absent: Sen. Craig Peterson  
Sen. Leonard Blackham

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

Others Present: Gayle Lord, Board of Regents  
Doug Rochell, President of the Board, Roy Historical Foundation.  
List of others present on file

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

The number 1 item on the agenda is pulled until further notice.

1. **H.B. 245 Utah Botanical Center Appropriation, by M. Dillree**

Rep. Dillree presented her bill. Utah Botanical Center is currently negotiating with the Department of Transportation to cover more of the cost of moving USU Botanical Gardens. The money which UDOT will pay to Utah Botanical Center will cover acquisition of the land, replacement of the buildings and compensation for some of the replacement or removing of the plant material - which is minimal. The funding from the state will be used for needed infrastructure. Rep. Dillree answered the questions of the committee.

A quorum was not present, so voting will take place once another member of the committee arrives.

2. **H.B. 241S1 Higher Education Savings Incentive Programs, by K. Johnson**

Rep. Johnson presented his bill which modifies definitions related to the higher education savings incentive program; specifically, it now allows room and board to qualify for funds saved in the incentive program. It also gives the Board of Regents the power to screen out schools which do not qualify and allows qualified proprietary schools to enroll students who may use the incentive program to pay tuition. Gayle Lord, Board of Regents, spoke in favor of the bill.

3. **HB 294 Appropriation for Roy Museum, by Rep. Adair**

Rep. Adair presented his bill to the committee through a video, which presented the history, present status, purposes, value, future goals and needs of the Roy Museum.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hull moved to amend HB 294: on Page 1, Line 5: after "APPROPRIATING" delete "\$150,000" and insert "\$85,000" and on Page 1, Line 12: after "appropriated" delete "\$150,000" and insert "\$85,000".

Rep. Adair said the Roy Historical Foundation requested this amendment because they know there is not enough money to meet state needs and this amount of money will help put in an elevator and a parking lot. He answered questions of the committee, along with Doug Rochell, President of the Board, Roy Historical Foundation.

Chairman Jones asked for further discussion on the bill and called for a vote.

The motion to amend passed unanimously with all present voting.

Sen. Hull spoke in favor of the bill and said the bill will be tabled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading waiting for prioritization.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hull moved to pass HB 294 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

Sen. Stephenson explained he would vote “no” based on the current budget of the state and because there are other cities, including Draper, which need funds to refurbish historical buildings. He commended the efforts of the City of Roy. Sen. Jones commended the people of Roy and the Foundation and called for a vote on the motion with the arrival of a quorum.

The motion passed with all present voting. (3-1-3)

**MOTION:** Sen. Hull moved to pass HB 241S1 Higher Education Savings Incentive Programs out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting. (4-0-3)

**MOTION:** Sen. Steele moved to place HB 241S1 on the consent calendar.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting. (4-0-3)

**MOTION:** Sen. Steele moved to pass HB 245 Utah Botanical Center Appropriation out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting. (4-0-3)

**Approval of Minutes**— Sen. Stephenson moved approve the minutes of February 9, 1998.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

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

Committee Chairman Lorin Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Sheila Ainsworth, Secretary.

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Sen. Lorin Jones, Chair