

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 1998, 4:00 P.M.
ROOM 416, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. Nathan C. Tanner, Chair
 Sen. Alarik Myrin
 Sen. Pete Suazo

Members Excused: Sen. Craig Taylor

Staff Present: Mark D. Andrews, Research Analyst
 Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

List of Others Present on File:

Chair Tanner called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

MOTION: Senator Tanner moved to approve the minutes of February 24 , 1998.

The motion passed unanimously.

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 239 Child Welfare Amendments (J. Haymond)

(Note: this bill was amended at the February 24 meeting.)

Representative Haymond explained the bill and distributed the following amendments:

1. Page 19, Line 26: After "cause;" insert "or"
2. Page 19, Line 27 Delete ";or" and insert " ."
3. Page 19, Lines 28-29 Delete lines 28 and 29
4. Page 20, Line 5: Delete "voluntary"
5. Page 20, Line 7: Delete "voluntary"
6. Page 41, Line 4: Delete "At least five days prior" and insert "Prior"
7. Page 41, Line 6: After "division with" insert "adequate" and after "notice" delete the remainder of line 6 and insert "for the division to

attend the hearing."

8. Page 59, Line 6: After "78-3a-311" insert ", except that the court may extend reunification services for no more than 90 days if it finds that there has been substantial compliance with the treatment plan, that reunification is probable within that 90 day period, and that the extension is in the best interest of the child. In no event may any reunification services extend beyond 15 months from the date the child was initially removed from his home."
9. Page 60, Line 11: After "cause;" insert "or"
10. Page 60, Line 12: After "child" delete "; or" and insert "."
11. Page 60, Lines 13-14: Delete lines 13 and 14
12. Page 60, Line 21: Delete "voluntary"
13. Page 60, Line 23: Delete "voluntary"

Janetha Hancock, Assistant General Council, explained the amendments.

MOTION: Senator Suazo moved to adopt the amendments,

The motion passed unanimously.

Speaking to the bill: Ken Patterson, Director, Division of Family Services, Janetha Hancock, Assistant General Council.

MOTION: Senator Suazo moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 121 Program for At-Risk Youth and Their Families (*L. Pace*)

Representative Pace explained the bill.

Speaking against the bill: Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum.

Senator Myrin assumed the chair.

Speaking in support of the bill: Darnell Haney, Director of Program for At-risk Youth and their Families, Utah State University, and Dr. Glen Jensen, Utah State University.

Senator Suazo assumed the chair.

Senator Tanner resumed the chair.

MOTION: Senator Myrin moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. H.B. 394 State Supervision of Juvenile (*G. Curtis*)

In the absence of Representative Curtis, Senator Tanner presented the bill.

MOTION: Senator Tanner moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Senator Myrin moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Sen. Nathan C. Tanner
Committee Chair.