

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Room 223 - State Capitol Building
Tuesday, February 22, 2000**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. A. Lamont Tyler, Chair
Rep. Glenn L. Way, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. Chad E. Bennion
Rep. Katherine M. Bryson
Rep. Gary F. Cox
Rep. Greg J. Curtis
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. John E. Swallow

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. J.W. "Bill" Hickman
Rep. Martin R. Stephens

STAFF: Jerry D. Howe, Research Analyst
Janet Farley, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: List of visitors on file

Rep. Way called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Motion: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of February 15 & 17, 2000. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0-5, with Reps. Arent, Hickman, Stephens, Swallow and Tyler absent for the vote.

H.B. 329 *Child Welfare Mediation (G. Curtis)*

Rep. Curtis introduced the bill.

Motion: Rep. Bennion moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0-5, with Reps. Arent, Hickman, Stephens, Swallow and Tyler absent for the vote.

H.B. 285 *Judicial Conduct Commission Amendments and Supreme Court Oversight of Judges (D. Ure)*

Rep. Ure introduced the bill.

Richard Schwermer, Administrative Office of the Courts and John T. Nielsen, Utah State Bar, spoke for the bill.

Motion: Rep. Cox moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 9, Line 267: After "person" delete "or entity" and after "appointed the" insert "municipal justice court"
2. Page 11, Line 312: After "criminal action" insert ", consistent with the Utah Rules of Evidence"

The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0-5, with Reps. Curtis, Hickman, Stephens, Swallow and Tyler absent for the vote.

Motion: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0-4, with Reps. Curtis, Hickman, Stephens and Tyler absent for the vote.

H.B. 281 Appropriation for Drug Courts and Drug Board Pilot Project (J. Swallow)

Rep. Swallow introduced the bill.

Richard Schwermer, Administrative Office of the Courts and Judge Dennis Fuchs, District Courts spoke for the bill.

Motion: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0-4, with Reps. Curtis, Hickman, Stephens and Tyler absent for the vote.

S.B. 14 Penalty for Hate Crimes (P. Suazo)

Sen. Suazo introduced the bill.

Tamera Baggett, Public, spoke for the bill and Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum, spoke against the bill.

Motion: Rep. Cox moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 4-4-3, with Reps. Arent, Cox, Hendrickson and Tyler voting for the motion. Reps. Bennion, Bryson, Swallow and Way voting against the motion, with Reps. Curtis, Hickman and Stephens absent for the vote.

Motion: Rep. Hendrickson moved to return the bill to the rules committee. The motion passed with a vote of 7-1-3, with Reps. Arent, Bennion, Bryson, Hendrickson, Swallow, Way and Tyler voting for the motion. Rep. Cox voting against the motion, with Reps. Curtis, Hickman and Stephens absent for the vote.

S.B. 49 **Child Support Amendments (*L. Hillyard*)**

Sen. Hillyard introduced the bill.

Motion: Rep. Tyler moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0-4, with Reps. Bryson, Curtis, Hickman and Stephens absent for the vote.

Motion: Rep. Hendrickson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5-2-4, with Reps. Arent, Cox, Hendrickson, Way and Tyler voting for the motion. Reps. Bennion and Swallow voting against the motion, with Reps. Bryson, Curtis, Hickman and Stephens absent for the vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Rep. A. Lamont Tyler, Chair