

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 22, 2002

Room 129, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair  
Rep. Loraine T. Pace, Vice Chair  
Rep. Duane Bourdeaux  
Rep. Judy Buffmire  
Rep. James A. Ferrin  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. David L. Hogue  
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson  
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff  
Rep. A. Lamont Tyler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Jeff Alexander  
Rep. Matt Throckmorton

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Research Analyst  
Greta Rodebush, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**H.B. 79 School Display of Motto of the United States (*R. Siddoway*)**

MOTION: Rep. Pace moved to adopt, in title and body, 1<sup>st</sup> Sub. H.B. 79. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bourdeaux, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Tyler absent for the vote.

Rep. Siddoway introduced 1<sup>st</sup> Sub.H.B. 79 which requires public schools to display the motto of the United States, "In God we trust."

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Kim Jensen, North Salt Lake

Sarah Meier, Utah School Board Association, Utah School Superintendents Association.

Micol Karras, citizen

Lisa Brown, citizen

Thomas Call, North Salt Lake

MOTION: Rep. Pace moved to pass the substitute bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Tyler voting in opposition.

**H.B. 244 Credit Allowed in Teacher Transfer (*M. Thompson*)**

MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 26: After line 26 insert:  
"(4) Nothing in this section may be construed to:  
(a) mandate a school district's hiring of a teacher; or  
(b) deny a teacher's ability to negotiate an individual contract for less than full credit for that teacher's teaching service."

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Rep. Thompson introduced H.B. 244 which requires school districts to honor a teacher's experience when a teacher transfers between school districts.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Ms. Karen Derrick, Utah School Boards Association., Utah School Superintendents Association  
Phyllis Sorenson, Utah Education Association

MOTION: Rep. Tyler moved to hold the bill until it receives a fiscal note.

**SUBSTITUTE**

MOTION: Rep. Hogue moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Hogue voting in favor of the bill.

A vote was taken on Rep. Tyler's original motion. The motion failed with Rep. Bourdeaux, Rep. Dayton, Rep. Johnson, and Rep. Tyler voting in favor.

**H.B. 209 Truancy Amendments (*D. Bourdeaux*)**

MOTION: Rep. Bourdeaux moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, line 37: After line 37, insert:  
"(4) For the purposes of this section, "cooperate with school authorities" means to take reasonable steps to work with school authorities to resolve a minor's truancy, including meeting with school officials to discuss the issue or providing the

school with information to enable the school to work with the student to resolve a truancy problem. It does not, however, require that the parent agree with the school's assessment."

Renumber remaining subsections accordingly.

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Rep. Bourdeaux introduced H.B. 209 which requires parents to cooperate with school officials in resolving truancy problems.

MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 37: After "truancy" delete ", including" and insert "by either" and after "issue or" insert "by"

The motion to amend passed with Rep. Newbold and Rep. Pace voting in opposition to the motion.

Ms. Sarah Meier, representing the Utah School Board Association and the Utah School Superintendents Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Dayton voting in opposition and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

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Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair