

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 6, 2002

Room 129, State Capitol Building

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:      Rep. Jeff Alexander  
                                 Rep. David L. Hogue

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

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

Vice-Chair Pace called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

MOTION:      Rep. Dayton moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2002. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bourdeaux, Rep. Buffmire, Rep. Johnson, and Rep. Shurtliff absent for the vote.

**H.J.R. 18      Resolution Directing Use of Interest on State School Fund (*M. Throckmorton*)**

Rep. Throckmorton introduced H.J.R. 18 and explained that this joint resolution would amend the Utah Constitution to require interest on the State School Fund to be distributed to schools.

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

1.      Page 2, Line 32:      After "interest" insert "and dividends"
2.      Page 2, Line 44:      After "(d)" delete "At the end of" and insert "During" and after "interest" insert "and dividends"

3. Page 2, Line 49: At the beginning of the line reinsert "(a) interest from the State School Fund" and after "interest" insert "and dividends" and at the end of the line insert a semicolon
4. Page 2, Line 51: Reinsert "(b)" and delete "(a)"
5. Page 2, Line 52: Reinsert "(c)" and delete "(b)"

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to move on to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Tyler absent for the vote.

**H.B. 144 Exemption from Nonresident Tuition (*D. Ure*)**

Rep. Ure introduced H.B. 144 which modifies the State System of Higher Education code to allow a student who meets certain requirements to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at institutions of higher education.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Mr. Bernie Machen, President, University of Utah  
Ms. Ashley Maak, Park City School District  
Ms. Kristen Schaub, ESL teacher, Park City High School  
Jose, student

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Mr. Danny Soderholm

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

**S.J.R. 2S1 Resolution on Investment of State School Fund and Uniform School Fund (*L. Hillyard*)**

Sen. Hillyard introduced 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute S.J.R. 2 and explained that this joint resolution proposes to amend the Education Article of the Utah Constitution to eliminate a requirement that a portion of interest earnings from the State School Fund, equal to the rate of inflation, be retained in the fund.

MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Johnson and Rep. Tyler absent for the vote.

**S.B. 142      Higher Education Budget Authority (*L. Hillyard*)**

Sen. Hillyard introduced S.B. 142 which authorizes the presidents of the institutions of higher education and the State Board of Regents to reallocate designated appropriations between line items.

MOTION:      Rep. Buffmire moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Johnson, Rep. Throckmorton, Rep. Tyler, and Rep. Dayton absent for the vote.

MOTION:      Rep. Buffmire moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Johnson, Rep. Throckmorton, Rep. Tyler, and Rep. Dayton absent for the vote.

MOTION:      Rep. Buffmire moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Johnson, Rep. Throckmorton, Rep. Tyler, and Rep. Dayton absent for the vote.

Vice-Chair Pace adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

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Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair