

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 28, 2003
Room 131, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Sen. Bill Wright, Committee Chair
Sen. Patrice M. Arent
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. David L. Gladwell
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. David H. Steele
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Member Excused: Sen. John L. Valentine

Staff Present: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Saundra Maeser, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Kelly Atkinson, District Governor Nominee, Rotary International
Stephen Clark, citizen
Shannon Strickland, citizen
Chris Allen, Board of Directors, Society of Separationists
Sarah Meier, Utah School Boards Association/Granite
Ralph Haws, Utah School Boards Association/Jordan
Marilyn Wells, citizen
Charles Johnson, President, Board of Directors, Atheists of Utah
Michael Rivers, State Director, American Atheists
David Stroud, citizen
Glen Sudbury, citizen
Steven Peterson, Utah School Boards Association and Utah School
Superintendents Association
Laurel Jorgensen, citizen

Visitor list on file.

Committee Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

1. SB. 105 Pledge of Allegiance in Public Schools (D.C. Buttars)

Sen. Buttars said the bill provides for the recitation of the pledge of allegiance in public secondary schools. Mr. Kelly Atkinson, District Governor Nominee, Rotary International, assisted in the presentation.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Mr. Stephen Clark, citizen

Mr. Chris Allen, Board of Directors, Society of Separationists

Ms. Sarah Meier, Utah School Boards Association/Granite

Mr. Ralph Haws, Utah School Boards Association/Jordan

Dr. Marilyn Wells, citizen

Mr. Charles Johnson, President, Board of Directors, Atheists of Utah

Mr. Michael Rivers, State Director, American Atheists

Mr. David Stroud, citizen

Mr. Steven Peterson, Utah School Boards Association, Utah School Superintendents Association

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ms. Shannon Strickland, citizen

Mr. Glen Sudbury, citizen

Ms. Laurel Jorgensen, citizen

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Gladwell absent for the vote.

2. S.B. 51 Planetarium Amendments (G. Davis)

Sen. Davis said the bill provides for the appointment of county planetarium personnel.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars and Sen. Gladwell absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars and Sen. Gladwell absent for the vote.

Committee Chair Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Sandra Maeser, Secretary.

Sen. Bill Wright, Chair