

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 19, 2003
Room 129, 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
 Sen. John L. Valentine

Staff Present: Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
 Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
 Saundra Maeser, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: John Bennion, Employer's Education Coalition
 Denis Morrill, Utah State Board of Education
 Janet Cannon, Vice Chair, Utah State Board of Education
 Pat Rusk, President, Utah Education Association
 Geoff Leonard, General Counsel, Utah School Employees Association
 Lynda Simmons, citizen
 Corey Rowley, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
 Teresa Theurer, Utah State Board of Education, District 1
 Steven Laing, State Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education
 Susan Dayton, President, Utah PTA
 Ruland Gill, Questar, Utah Taxpayers Association
 Tom Bingham, President, Utah Manufacturers Association
 Daema Barber, Utah Food Association
 Doug Holmes, parent
 Mac Brubaker, Past President, Utah Association of Realtors
 Pamela Atkinson, Vice President, State Board of Regents, State
 Board of Education

Visitor list on file.

Committee Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2003. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Gladwell and Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

1. S.B. 154 Public Education Amendments (T. Hatch)

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to adopt First Substitute S.B. 154. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Gladwell absent for the vote.

Sen. Hatch reviewed the provisions of the bill which modifies public education programs and the selection of State School Board members. Mr. John Bennion, Employer's Education Coalition, assisted in the presentation.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 10, Line 291: Delete "terms" and insert "teams"

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Gladwell absent for the vote.

The following expressed opposition to one or more provisions of the bill:

Denis Morrill, Utah State Board of Education
Janet Cannon, Vice Chair, Utah State Board of Education
Pat Rusk, President, Utah Education Association
Geoff Leonard, General Counsel, Utah School Employees Association
Lynda Simmons, citizen
Corey Rowley, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
Teresa Theurer, Utah State Board of Education, District 1
Steven Laing, State Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education
Susan Dayton, President, Utah PTA

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ruland Gill, Questar, Utah Taxpayers Association
Tom Bingham, President, Utah Manufacturers Association
Daema Barber, Utah Food Association
Doug Holmes, parent
Mac Brubaker, Past President, Utah Association of Realtors
Pamela Atkinson, Vice President, State Board of Regents, State Board of Education

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to hold the bill. The motion failed with Sen. Arent and Sen. Hale voting in favor.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to adopt Second Substitute S.B. 154.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to adjourn. The motion failed with Sen. Arent and Sen. Hale voting in favor of the motion.

A vote was taken on Sen. Buttars substitute motion. The motion passed with Sen. Arent, Sen. Hale, and Sen. Steele voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to pass out favorably Second Substitute S.B. 154 with the following amendments:

1. Page 11, Line 331: Delete "terms" and insert "teams"
2. Page 38, Line 1169: Delete "Section 53A-17a-149" and insert "Section 53A-17a-150"

The motion passed with Sen. Arent, Sen. Hale, and Sen. Steele voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Sandra Maeser, Secretary.

Sen. Bill Wright, Chair