

MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
Thursday, February 20, 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  
Sen. John L. Valentine

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

Public Speakers Present: Trudy Henderson, Cook Elementary School  
Susan Dayton, President, Utah PTA  
Sarah Meier, Utah School Boards Association  
Kit Borrowman, parent  
Gregory Fitch, President, Utah Colleges of Applied Technology  
Rick Wheeler, Vice President, Snow College  
Cecelia Foxley, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Mary Shumway, Utah State Office of Education

Visitor list on file.

Committee Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2003. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Buttars, Sen. Gladwell, Sen. Steele and Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

**1. S.B. 168 Higher Education Legislative Task Force (D. Gladwell)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to send S.B. 168 back to the Rules Committee. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars, Sen. Gladwell, Sen. Steele and Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

**2. H.B. 223 Changing State Song (D. Love)**

Rep. Dana Love presented the bill, which would change the state song from "Utah We Love

Thee" to "Utah...This is The Place. Children from Cook Elementary School sang for the committee.

Ms. Trudy Henderson, Cook Elementary School, spoke in support of the bill.

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

**3. H.B. 76 Truancy Amendments** (D. Bourdeaux)

Rep. Duane Bourdeaux introduced the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 29

House Floor  
Amendments  
1-28-2003:

After "(f)" insert "(i)"

2. Page 2, Line 30

House Floor  
Amendments  
1-28-2003:

After line 30, insert: "(ii) "Truant minor" does not include a minor who is homeschooled under the provisions of Subsection 53A-11-102(1)(b)(ii)."

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

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ms. Susan Dayton, President, Utah PTA

Ms. Sarah Meier, Utah School Boards Association/Utah School Superintendents Association

Ms. Kit Borrowman, parent

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

1. Page 2, Line 35

House Floor  
Amendments  
1-28-2003:

After "refuse to" reinstate "respond" and after "respond" delete "cooperate with" and insert "to"

2. Page 2, Line 38  
House Floor  
Amendments  
1-28-2003:

After "section," delete "cooperate with school authorities"  
and insert "respond to a written request"

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Valentine moved to pass S.B. 223, as amended, out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Wright voting in opposition and Sen. Buttars and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

Sen. Gladwell assumed the chair.

**4. H.B. 161S3 Snow College Richfield Campus (B. Johnson)**

Rep. Brad Johnson introduced the bill. Dr. Gregory Fitch, President, Utah College of Applied Technology, assisted in the presentation.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Mr. Rick Wheeler, Vice President, Snow College  
Dr. Cecelia Foxley, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Ms. Mary Shumway, Utah State Office of Education

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

**5. H.C.R. 4 Resolution Urging Federal and State Action Against Internet Abuses (D. Love)**

Rep. Dana Love introduced the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Wright absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Valentine moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Wright absent for the vote.

Committee Chair Gladwell adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Sandra Maeser, Secretary.

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Sen. Bill Wright, Chair