

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Room 223 - State Capitol Building
January 20, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ben C. Ferry, Chair
Rep. J. Stuart Adams, Vice Chair
Rep. Chad E. Bennion
Rep. Katherine M. Bryson
Rep. Greg J. Curtis
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. M. Susan Lawrence
Rep. Rosalind J. McGee
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
Rep. Mike Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Scott Daniels
Rep. Dana C. Love

STAFF: Jerry D. Howe, Policy Analyst
Cherri White, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Representative Ferry called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

H.B. 7 Marriage Preparation Education (Rep. R. McGee)

Representative McGee introduced the bill and explained its intent. Dr. Robert Stahmann, Brigham Young University, Marriage and Family Programs, and Representative Douglas C. Aagard spoke in support of the bill. (see handouts on file)

MOTION: Representative McGee to amend:

1. *Page 2, Lines 56 through 58*

(ii) The fee authorized by this Subsection (2) (b) shall be waived if the requirements of Section 30-1-34 are met. If the fee is waived, the county is not required to transmit \$20 of the marriage license fee to the Division of Finance.

2. *Page 3, Line 88 through Page 4, Line 93
that it was received.*

*(a) The premarital education shall be provided by ∴
(i) a licensed or ordained minister or the
minister's designee [[,]] ∴*

(ii) a person authorized to solemnize marriages under ~~[[Section]]~~ Subsection
30-1-6 (a) or (b); ~~[[,]]~~ or
(iii) a
person who practices marriage and family therapy and is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 60,
Part 2, Social Worker Licensing Act; Part 3, Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing
Act; Part 4, Professional Counselor Licensing Act; or
Title 58, Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act.

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Curtis, Daniels, Hendrickson, Hutchings, Love, and Philpot absent for the vote.

MOTION: Representative McGee moved to amend:

1. Page 4, Line 106:

After : "skills" insert "; including an understanding of what constitutes domestic abuse"

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Curtis, Daniels, Hendrickson, Love, and Philpot absent for the vote.

Stewart Ralphs, Utah Domestic Violence Council, and Van De Graaff, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, and Sarah Brenna, Department of Workforce Services spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Representative Bennion moved to hold the bill until the fiscal note could be reviewed.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Representative Philpot moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion failed 1-8-4 with Representative Philpot voting in favor of the motion, Representatives Bennion, Bryson, Curtis, Hendrickson, Hutchings, McGee, Thompson, and Ferry voting against the motion, and Representatives Daniels, Lawrence, Love, and Adams absent for the vote.

The original motion to hold the bill pending fiscal note review passed 8-3-2, with Representatives Bennion, Bryson, Curtis, Lawrence, Philpot, Thompson, Adams and Ferry voting in favor of the motion, Representatives Hendrickson, Hutchings, and McGee voting against the motion, and Representatives Daniels and Love absent for the vote.

H.B. 42 Interest Rates on Judgments (Rep. J. Dunnigan)

At the request of the sponsor the bill was not heard by the committee.

H.B. 186 Evaluation and Counseling Prior to Termination Proceedings (*Rep. M. Thompson*)

Representative Thompson introduced the bill and explained its intent.

MOTION: Representative Hutchings moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Bryson, Daniels, and Love absent for the vote.

MOTION: Representative Philpot moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Bryson, Daniels, and Love absent for the vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Rep. Ben C. Ferry, Chair