

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 2, 2005
Room West 130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. David L. Thomas, Committee Chair
Sen. Patrice M. Arent
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Dan R. Eastman
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Mark Madsen
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Staff Present: Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Connie Steffen, Policy Analyst
Dee S. Larsen, Attorney
Norda Shepard, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Gary Cameron, Utah School Boards
Kevin Carter, Director, Schools and Institutional Trust Fund
Shane Schulthies
Angie Baker
Ann Meeks
Audrey Rudlisbaker
Frank Mylar
Kelly Rogers
Julie Earl
Holly Robbins
Tad Wimmer
Lucas Johnson
Karen Clark, Utah Eagle Forum
Myranda Holgerson
Marilyn Kofford, Utah PTA
Susan Koviack, Utah Education Association

A list of visitors is filed with the committee minutes.

Committee Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to approve the minutes of 1-21-05. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were: Sen. P. Arent, Sen. C. Buttars, and Sen. D. Eastman.

Chair Thomas outlined which bills would be considered and announced that H.B. 36 1st Sub., Charter School Construction Amendments, would be held at the request of the sponsor Rep. James A. Ferrin.

2. S.B. 58 Liability Protection of Educators (Sen. H. Stephenson)

Sen. Stephenson presented the bill. Gary Cameron, Utah School Boards and School Superintendents Association stated the organizations have taken no formal position on the bill but he personally thought it to be unnecessary.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to pass S.B. 58 Liability Protection of Educators (*Sen. H. Stephenson*) out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were: Sen. P. Arent, Sen. C. Buttars, and Sen. D. Eastman.

3. S.B. 41 School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act Revisions (Sen. M. Dmitrich)

Sen. Mike Dmitrich presented the bill and introduced Kevin Carter, Director, Schools and Institutional Trust Fund Administration, who explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass S.B. 41, School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act Revisions (*Sen. M. Dmitrich*) out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were: Sen. P. Arent, Sen. C. Buttars and Sen. D. Eastman.

4. S.B. 59 Home School Amendments (Sen. M. Madsen)

Sen. Madsen presented the bill and declared a conflict of interest. Chair Thomas also declared a conflict of interest. Shane Schulthies, Angie Baker, Ann Meeks, Audrey Rudlisbaker, Frank Mylar, Kelly Rogers, Julie Earl, Holly Robbins, Tad Wimmer, Lucas Johnson, Myranda Holgerson, and Karen Clark, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in support of the bill. Marilyn Kofford, Utah PTA, and Susan Koviack, Utah Education Association, voiced some concerns but took no position on the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to pass S.B. 59 Home School Amendments (*Sen. M. Madsen*) out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

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H.C. R. 9, Resolution Honoring Outgoing USU President Kermit L. Hall (*Rep. F. Hunsaker*)
was not considered.

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

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Norda Shepard, Secretary.

Sen. David L. Thomas, Chair