

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 17, 2006
Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

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

Members Excused: Sen. Dan R. Eastman

Staff Present: Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Norda Shepard, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Sen. Ed Mayne
Natalie Rodgers, Parent
Dawn Higley, RN, Certified Diabetic Educator
Mary Murray, M.D., Primary Children's Hospital
Gayle Ruzicka, Parent
Patti Harrington, Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education
Pat Rusk, President, Utah Education Association
Rhonda Rose, Vice-President, Utah PTA
Steve Peterson, Utah School Board Association
Deborah Milan-Niler, RN, Pres., Utah School Nurses Association
Paula Tuck, Parent
Shirley Arnett, RN, Parent
Brett Moulding, State Office of Education
Nels Timm, Citizen.
Gregory Clark, Citizen
Frank Strickland, Citizen
B. Kent Harrison, Citizen

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

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

1. S.B. 8 Care of Students with Diabetes in School (*Sen. P. Arent*)

Sen. Arent presented the bill. Natalie Rodgers, mother of a diabetic child; Dawn Higley, RN and Certified Diabetic Educator; Dr. Mary Murray, Primary Children's Hospital; Gayle Ruzicka,

mother of diabetic child; Patti Harrington, State Superintendent of Education; Pat Rusk, Utah Education Association; Rhonda Rose, Vice-President, Utah PTA; and Steve Peterson, Utah School Board, all spoke in support.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass S.B. 8, Care of Students with Diabetes in School (*Sen. P. Arent*), out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. S.B. 48 School Nurses Legislative Task Force (*Sen. E. Mayne*)

Sen. Ed Mayne presented the bill. Deborah Milan-Niles, RN, President, Utah School Nurses Association, distributed a packet and spoke in support. Paul Tuck and Shirley Arnett, concerned parents, also spoke in support.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to pass S.B. 48, School Nurses Legislative Task Force (*Sen. E. Mayne*), out with a favorable recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE-MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to hold S.B. 48, School Nurses Legislative Task Force (*Sen. E. Mayne*), so that at a future meeting a substitute bill could be considered referring the topic to the Joint Education Appropriation Interim Subcommittee for further review.

After committee discussion, the substitute-motion failed with Sens. Buttars, Madsen, Stephenson voting in favor and Sens. Arent, Hale and Thomas voting in opposition.

The original motion passed with Sen. Stephenson voting in opposition.

**3. S.B. 96 Public Education - Instruction and Policy Relating to the Origins of Life
(*Sen. D. C. Buttars*)**

Sen. Buttars presented the bill. Patti Harrington, Brett Moulding, State Office of Education, Gregory Clark, and B. Kent Harrison spoke in opposition. Nels Timm and Frank Strickland spoke in support.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to pass S.B. 96, Public Education - Instruction and Policy Relating to the Origins of Life, out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sens. Thomas, Buttars, Madsen and Stephenson voting in favor and Sens. Arent and Hale voting in opposition.

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MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Norda Shepard, Secretary.

Sen. David L. Thomas, Chair