

MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
Monday, February 13, 2006  
Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

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

Members Excused: Sen. D. Chris Buttars

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

Public Speakers Present: Margaret Plane, ACLU of Utah  
Brandon Monson, Student, Hunter High School  
Chris Johnson, Parent, West High School  
Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association  
Karen Clare, Vice President, Utah Eagle Forum  
Sen. Scott D. McCoy  
Becky Hatch, Utah State Office of Education  
Dave Buhler, Utah System of Higher Education  
Pam Searl, Utah State Office of Education  
Rep. Kory Holdaway  
Dr. Michael Peterson, Utah Education Network

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

Committee Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2006. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

**1. S.B. 97 Student Club Amendments (Sen. D. C. Buttars)**

Sen. Madsen presented the bill. Dee S. Larsen, Staff Attorney, explained the bill.

The following people spoke in opposition to the bill:

Margaret Plane, ACLU of Utah  
Brandon Monson, Student at Hunter High School  
Chris Johnson, Parent, West High School  
Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association

Karen Clare, Vice President, Eagle Forum, spoke in support of the bill

**MOTION:** Sen. Eastman moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with Sen. Thomas voting in opposition and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

**2. S.B. 212 Veteran Survivor and Dependent Higher Education Benefit (Sen. S. McCoy)**

Sen. Scott D. McCoy presented the bill. Dave Buhler, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to pass S.B. 212, Veteran Survivor and Dependent Higher Education Benefit, out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

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

**3. H.B. 285 Appropriation for Highly Qualified Teachers (Rep. K. Holdaway)**

Rep. Kory Holdaway presented the bill with the help of Becky Hatch, National Board Certification Teacher Specialist from the Utah State Office of Education. Pam Searl, Utah State Office of Education, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to pass H.B. 285, Appropriation for Highly Qualified Teachers, out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Madsen and Stephenson absent for the vote.

**4. H.B. 289 Utah Education Network Amendments (Rep. K. Holdaway)**

Rep. Holdaway presented the bill and offered amendments.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to amend H.B. 289 with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 41 through 45  
House Committee Amendments  
1-25-2006:*

- 41 (3) Distribution services provided through the center shall include KUED [~~Channel~~  
7,  
42 ~~KULC Channel 9] - TV, KUER - FM [90, the statewide two-way interactive system for~~  
video  
43 and audio, hereafter referred to as EDNET, Instructional Television Fixed Service,  
hereafter  
44 referred to as ITFS, educational data communications network facilities, hereafter referred  
to as  
45 ~~UtahLink, and satellite uplink and downlink services], and {the Utah Education~~  
Network} KUEN - TV .

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Madsen and Stephenson absent for the vote.

Dr. Michael Peterson, Executive Director, Utah Education Network, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to pass H.B. 289, Utah Education Network Amendments, out of committee, as amended, with a favorable recommendation.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to place H.B. 289 on the Consent Calendar.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to adjourn.

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Norda Shepard, Secretary.

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Sen. David L. Thomas, Chair