

MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
Friday, February 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

Members Excused: Sen. Dan R. Eastman

Members Absent: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

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

Public Speakers Present: Rep. Rhonda Menlove  
Marie Wise, Paraeducator, Davis School District  
Pat Fender, American Federation of Teachers  
Patti Harrington, State Superintendent of Education  
Steven Peterson, State Association of School Boards

A list of visitors is filed with the committee minutes.

Committee Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2006. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

**2. H.J.R. 15 Joint Resolution Raising Public Awareness of Vital Role of Paraeducators**  
*(Rep. R. Menlove)*

Rep. Rhonda Menlove presented the resolution and proposed amendments.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to amend H.J.R. 15 with the following amendments:

1. *Page 3, Line 65*  
*House Committee Amendments*

*2-13-2006:*

65 Education Coalition and education community, the Utah Parent Teacher Association, the Utah State Board of Education,

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

Marie Wise, Paraeducator, Davis School District; Pat Fender, American Federation of Teachers; Patti Harrington, State Superintendent of Education; and Steven Peterson, State Association of School Boards, spoke in support of the resolution.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to pass H.J.R. 15, Joint Resolution Raising Public Awareness of Paraeducators as amended out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to place H.J.R. 15 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Norda Shepard, Secretary.

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Sen. David L. Thomas, Chair