

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Room W010 - State Capitol Complex
February 2, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Douglas C. Aagard, Chair
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke, Vice Chair
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen
Rep. Jim Bird
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Kevin S. Garn
Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. Christine A. Johnson
Rep. Rosalind J. McGee
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Scott L. Wyatt

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry D. Howe, Policy Analyst
Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

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

Representative Fowlke called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Grover, Rep. Hutchings, and Rep. Wheatley absent for the vote.

Rep. Fowlke relinquished the chair to Rep. Aagard.

H.B. 128 Divorce Orientation (Rep. L. Fowlke)

Rep. Fowlke presented H.B. 128 to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to delete in title and body H.B. 128 and replace it with 1st Substitute H.B. 128. The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Liz Dalton Brunt, Affinity Mediation & Coaching

MOTION: Rep. Biskupski moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, Lines 9 and 10: Delete Lines 9 and 10
Page 1, Lines 15 and 16: Delete Lines 15 and 16
Page 1, Line 18: Delete Line 18
Page 2, Line 46: After "Both parties" delete "shall" and insert "may"
Page 2, Line 47: After "30-3-11.4" delete remainder of sentence
Page 2, Line 48: Delete Line 48
Page 2, Line 55: After "30-3-11.4." delete "Mandatory"
Page 3, Lines 57-66: Delete Lines 57-66
Page 3, Line 78: After "provided" delete "in conjunction with the mandatory course"
Page 4, Lines 96-104: Delete Lines 96-104

The motion to amend the bill failed with Rep. Biskupski, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Wheatley, and Rep. Wyatt voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Rep. McGee moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with Rep. Allen, Rep. Biskupski, Rep. Johnson, Rep. McGee, Rep. McIff, Rep. Wheatley, and Rep. Wyatt voting in favor of the motion. Rep. Bird, Rep. Garn, Rep. Grover, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. Fowlke, and Rep. Aagard voted in opposition to the motion.

Rep. Fowlke resumed the chair.

H.B. 147 Restitution Amendments (Rep. K. Garn)

MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to delete in title and body H.B. 147 and replace it with 1st Substitute H.B. 147. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Garn presented 1st Substitute H.B. 147 to the committee, assisted by Mel Wilson, former Davis County Attorney, representing Utah Victims' Council.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 147 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Allen moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 147 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 350 Marriage Preparation Education (*Rep. R. McGee*)

Rep. McGee presented H.B. 350 to the committee, assisted by Lynette Rasmussen, Director of Office of Work and Family Life, Workforce Services. A handout was provided to committee members.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Karen Silver, Salt Lake Area Community Action Program

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to pass H.B. 350 out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Bird voting in opposition to the motion and Rep. Allen and Rep. Garn absent for the vote.

S.B. 86 Repeal of Libel and Slander Provisions (*Sen. S. McCoy*)

Sen. McCoy presented S.B. 86 to the committee. A handout was provided.

MOTION: Rep. Wyatt moved to pass S.B. 86 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Allen and Rep. Garn absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Wyatt moved to place S.B. 86 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Allen and Rep. Garn absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Aagard adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Rep. Douglas C. Aagard, Chair