

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS AND LABOR
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Room W010, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex
January 30, 2008

Members Present: Rep. Stephen D. Clark, Chair
Rep. Jim Dunnigan, Vice Chair
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Ben Ferry
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Kevin Garn
Rep. Neil A Hansen
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. Paul Neuenschwander
Rep. Mark Walker

Members Absent: Rep. Carl W. Duckworth

Staff Present: Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst
Linda Error, Committee Secretary

Note: List of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Vice Chair Dunnigan called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Biskupski moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Ferry, Rep. Garn, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Morley, and Rep Walker absent for the vote.

S.B. 27 **Trustees Sale - Process for Excess Proceeds** (*Sen. G. Davis*)

This bill was not heard.

H.B. 133 **Health System Reform** (*Rep. D. Clark*)

Rep. D. Clark introduced the bill to committee (handout)

MOTION: Rep. D. Clark moved to delete in title and body H.B. 133 and replace it with 1st Substitute H.B. 133. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Ferry, Rep. Garn, Rep. Morley, and Rep. Walker absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. D. Clark moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 3, Line 63:

63 This bill repeals the Health System Reform Task Force on November 30,
{~~2010~~} 2008 .

2. Page 31, Lines 953 through 954:

953 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), and except as provided in Subsection (4) for
taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, a
954 claimant may claim a nonrefundable tax credit equal to the product of:

3. Page 32, Line 966:

966 (4) A claimant may not claim a tax credit under this section if the claimant is
eligible to participate in insurance offered under a health benefit plan maintained and
funded in whole or in part by:
(a) the claimant's employer; or
(b) another person's employer.
(5) A claimant may not carry forward or carry back a tax credit under this section.

The motion to amend passed unanimously, with Rep. Garn and Rep. Morley absent for the vote.

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

1. Page 33, Lines 1002 through 1005:

1002 (1) The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall coordinate the efforts
of the
1003 Office of Consumer Health Services, the Department of Health, the Insurance Department,
and
1004 the Department of Workforce Services to assist the Legislature with developing the state's
1005 strategic plan for health system reform described in Section 63-38f-2405. =

(2) The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall convene an advisory
group with membership from the business community, labor, health care consumers,
health care insurers, health care providers, and individuals who receive health care
subsidies from the state for the purpose of obtaining comments and recommendations
for the development of the strategic plan for health system reform.

The motion to amend failed, with Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Hansen voting in favor. Rep. Morley was absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Karen Crompton, Voices for Utah Children
Tom Metcalf, Intermountain Pediatric Society
Craig Hammond, Power Engineering
Tammy Diaz, Jobs with Justice
Bill Lee, citizen
Kim Henage, Boys and Girls Clubs of South Valley
Andy Schoenberg, citizen (handout)

Spoke for the bill: John T. Nielsen, Governor's Office
Bruce Reese, United Way of Salt Lake
Elizabeth Garbe, Utah Health Policy Project (handout)
Kelly Atkinson, Utah Health Insurance Association
Luke McDermott, Utah Association of Health Underwriters
Dr. Richard Sperry, Utah Hospital Association
Candace Daly, National Federation of Independent Business
Suzette Green-Wright, Utah Insurance Department
Steve Hatch, Hatch Family Chocolates (handout)

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

1. *Page 36, Lines 1104 through 1106:*

1104 contribution for health insurance to the bidder's employees; ~~{and}~~
1105 (16) requiring insurers to accept premium payments from multiple sources, including
1106 state-funded subsidies ; and

(17) the relationship between the Utah Premium Partnership for Health Insurance Program and the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program and enrollment policies that will provide appropriate and effective coverage for children

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The motion to amend failed, with Rep. Biskupski, Rep. Froerer, Rep. Hansen, and Rep. Neuenschwander voting in favor. Rep. Morley was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Neuenschwander moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed, with Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Hanson voting in opposition. Rep. Morley was absent for the vote.

H.B. 114 Minimum Wage Provisions (*Rep. N. Hansen*)

Rep. Hansen introduced the bill to the committee

Spoke against the bill: Jim Olsen, Utah Food Industry
 Tom Bingham, Utah Manufacturers Association
 Candace Daly, National Federation of Independent Business

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, with Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Hansen voting in opposition. Rep. Morley and Rep. Kiser were absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Dunnigan adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Rep. Stephen D. Clark, Chair