

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 7, 2008
Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Margaret Dayton, Committee Chair
Sen. Greg Bell
Sen. Pat Jones
Sen. Darin Peterson
Sen. Ross Romero
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Members Absent: Sen. Curtis Bramble
Sen. Lyle Hillyard

Staff Present: Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Dee S. Larsen, Attorney
Joan Tiffany, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Senator Allen M. Christensen
Representative Michael T. Morley
Scott Olson, Utah National Guard (UTNG)
Representative Bradley G. Last
Patti Harrington, State Superintendent, Utah State Office of
Education (USOE)
Susan Kuziak, Executive Director, Utah Education Association
(UEA)
Steven Peterson, Executive Director, Utah School Boards
Association (USBA) & Utah School Superintendents
Association (USSA)
Representative Ronda R. Menlove
Tamara Lowe, Utah School Boards Association (USBA)
Senator Margaret Dayton
Carolyn Wright, Provo School Board Member

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

Senator Howard Stephenson assumed the Chair upon direction from Chair Dayton and called the meeting to order at 07:57 am.

1. Public Classroom Displays- S.B. 190

Sen. Allen Christensen presented S.B. 190.

Sen. Bell asked about the funding for the U.S. flags and Sen. Christensen addressed the question.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to pass S.B. 190 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

This motion passed unanimously with Sens. Dayton, Bramble, Hillyard and Jones absent for the vote.

2. Scott. B. Lundell Military Survivors Tuition Waiver Amendments-H.B. 269

Rep. Michael Morley presented H.B. 269. Scott Olson, Liaison, UTNG, expressed his support for the bill.

Sen. Romero asked about current and past students who qualify for this waiver and Rep. Morley explained that the waiver would be valid from September 11, 2001.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to pass H.B. 269 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Dayton, Bramble and Hillyard absent for the vote.

MOTION: Pursuant to Rep. Morley's request, Sen. Peterson moved that H.B. 269 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Dayton, Bramble and Hillyard absent for the vote.

3. Task Force to Study Performance Incentives for Teachers- H.B. 81

Rep. Bradley Last presented H.B. 81.

Sen. Jones asked about other task forces and Sen. Stephenson addressed the question. Rep. Last addressed a question about math and science teachers.

Sen. Romero expressed his support for the bill. Sen. Stephenson commented on the bill as well.

Patti Harrington, USOE; Susan Kuziak, UEA; and Steven Peterson, USBA/USSA, spoke

in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to pass H.B. 81 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Dayton, Bramble and Hillyard absent for the vote.

Sen. Bell assumed the Chair.

4. Extended Year for Special Educators-H.B. 67

Rep. Ronda Menlove presented the bill and distributed a handout titled "Teaching Field Index of Criticality for Utah T.H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loan Program".

Sens. Jones and Bell commented concerning the bill.

Patti Harrington, USOE; Tamara Lowe, USBA/USSA; and Susan Kuziak, UEA, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to pass H.B. 67 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Dayton, Bramble, Hillyard and Stephenson absent for the vote.

5. Federal Education Agreement Requirements-S.B.162

Dee Larsen explained the bill and Sen. Romero addressed the bill.

Sen. Dayton presented S.B. 162.

Sen. Jones asked about some legal details of the bill and Mr. Larsen addressed the question. Sens. Bell and Romero commented as well.

Patti Harrington, USOE, stated an example in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass H.B. 162 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

Sen. Dayton addressed and endorsed the bill. Sen. Romero stated his opposition for the wording of the bill in its current form.

The motion passed with Sen. Dayton, Bell, Jones and Peterson voting aye. Sen. Romero voted nay. Sens. Bramble, Hillyard and Stephenson were absent for the vote.

6. Petition (Handout)

Carolyn Wright read a petition from the citizens of the Provo School District addressing additional instruction time in the classroom. A request for change the block schedule of eight periods back to the seven traditional schedule. Several other suggestions were given.

Sen. Bell addressed the petition.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to adjourn the meeting. It was passed unanimously with Sen. Stephenson, Bramble and Hillyard absent for the vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am.

Senator Margaret Dayton, Chair

