

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE REVENUE AND TAXATION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 4:10 P.M.
ROOM C250, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present: Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser, Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Brent Goodfellow
Sen. Jon J. Greiner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Michael G. Waddoups

Members Excused: Pres. John Valentine

Staff Present: Bryant Howe, Assistant Director, Office of Legislative Research
and General Counsel
Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Mark Buchi, UtahTax Review Commission
Lee Peacock, President, Utah Petroleum Association
David Litvin, President Utah Mining Association
Royce VanTassell, Vice President, Utah Taxpayers Association
Robin Riggs, Vice President and Legal Counsel, Salt Lake
Chamber of Commerce
Brent Gardner, Association of Counties
Robert Farrington, Executive Director, Downtown Alliance
Mont Evans, Consultant, Utah Restaurant Association
Allison Rowland, Director of Budget and Research, Voices for
Utah Children

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

Chair Niederhauser called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

1. H.B. 58 Severance Tax Amendments (J. Dougall)

Rep. Dougall explained the bill.

Mark Buchi, Utah Tax Review Commission; Lee Peacock, President, Utah Petroleum Association; David Litvin, President, Utah Mining Association; and Royce VenTassell, Vice President, Utah Taxpayers Association, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 58 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bramble and Greiner absent for the vote.

2. **H.B. 69 Repeal of Board Leeway for Reading Improvement** (*J. Dougall*)

Rep. Dougall introduced the bill and 1st Sub. H.B. 69 was distributed.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to adopt 1st Sub. H.B. 69.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bramble and Greiner absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 69 out of Committee with a favorably recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bramble and Waddoups absent for the vote.

3. **1st Sub. H.B. 351 Individual Income Tax - Health Insurance** (*J. Dunnigan*)

Rep. Dunnigan introduced the bill and the following amendments were distributed:

1. *Page 1, Lines 23 through 24:*

23 This bill {~~has retrospective operation~~} takes effect for taxable years
beginning on or after January 1,

24 {~~2008~~} 2009 .

2. *Page 19, Lines 577 through 579*
House Committee Amendments
2-7-2008:

577 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), and except as provided in Subsection (4), for taxable
578 years beginning on or after January 1, {~~2008~~} 2009 , a claimant may claim a
nonrefundable tax credit
579 equal to the product of:

3. *Page 21, Lines 622 through 624:*

622 Section 5. {~~Retrospective operation~~} Effective date .
623 This bill {~~has retrospective operation~~} takes effect for taxable years
beginning on or after January 1,
624 {~~2008~~} 2009 .

MOTION: Sen. Greiner moved to adopt the amendments.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bramble and Waddoups absent for the vote.
Sen. explained the bill.

Robin Riggs, Vice President and Legal Counsel, Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dmitrich moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 351 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation as amended.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bramble and Waddoups absent for the vote.

4. **S.B. 218 Amendments to Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention Facilities Tax** (W. Niederhauser)

Sen. Niederhauser explained the bill.

Brent Gardner, Association of Counties; Robert Farrington, Executive Director, Downtown Alliance; Robin Riggs, Vice President and Legal Counsel, Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce; Mont Evans, Consultant, Utah Restaurant Association; and Allison Rowland, Director of Budget and Research, Voices for Utah Children, expressed concerns about the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to pass S.B. 218 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Waddoups moved to delete lines 1336 through 1359.

The substitute motion failed with Sens. Goodfellow and Waddoups voting in favor of the motion, and Sens. Niederhauser, Bramble, Dmitrich, Greiner, and Stephenson voting in opposition.

The motion to pass S.B. 218 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation passed with Sen. Goodfellow voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Niederhauser adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser, Committee Chair