

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 25, House Office Building, State Capitol Complex
February 25, 2010

Members Present: Rep. Douglas Aagard, Chair
Rep. Curt Oda, Vice Chair
Rep. Trisha Beck
Rep. Ben Ferry
Rep. Richard Greenwood
Rep. David Litvak
Rep. Becky Lockhart
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. Larry Wiley
Rep. Carl Wimmer

Members Absent: Rep. Jennifer Seelig

Staff Present: Mr. Stewart Smith, Policy Analyst
Ms. Linda Error, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Oda called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Ferry and Rep. Litvack absent for the vote.

H.B. 337 Uniform Driver License Act Amendments (Rep. R. Lockhart)

Rep. Lockhart presented the bill to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Richard Nance, Utah County Division of Substance Abuse.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Robert Walton, Utah Substance Abuse Recovery Advocates

MOTION: Rep. Beck moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Litvack, Rep. Ray, and Rep. Wimmer absent for the vote.

H.C.R. 15 Resolution to the Secretary of Transportation on Revocation of Driver Licenses (Rep. R. Lockhart)

Rep. Lockhart presented the bill to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Richard Nance, Utah County Division of Substance Abuse.

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Litvack and Rep. Ray absent for the vote.

H.B. 296 Choice of Law in Utah Courts (*Rep. C. Wimmer*)

MOTION: Rep. Wimmer moved to adopt 1st substitute H.B. 296. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Litvack, Rep. Lockhart and Rep. Ray absent for the vote.

Rep. Wimmer presented the bill to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Mike Lee, attorney, Howrey LLP.

Spoke to the bill: Mr. John T. Nielsen, Utah State Bar Association
Mr. Frank Pignanelli, Utah association of Financial Services
Mr. Charlie Luke, American Public Policy Alliance

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Maryann Christensen, Utah Eagle Forum

MOTION: Rep. Wimmer moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Oda relinquished the chair to Rep. Aagard.

H.B. 312 Medical Expenses for Offenders (*Rep. P. Ray*)

Rep. Ray presented the bill to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Tom Patterson, Utah Department of Corrections. (handout)

Spoke to the bill: Ms. Kim Wirthlin, University of Utah Health Care
Mr. Dave Gessel, Utah Hospital Association

Spoke against the bill: Ms. Michelle McOmber, Utah Medical Association
Dr. David Cole, President-Elect, Utah Medical Association

MOTION: Rep. Wiley moved to send the bill to interim for study.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Ferry, Rep. Litvack and Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to saunter for 5 minutes. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Beck, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Litvack and Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

Rep. Oda resumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

H.B. 380 Firearm Laws Amendments (*Rep. S. Sandstrom*)

Rep. Sandstrom presented the bill to the committee

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Clark Aposhian, Utah Shooting Sports Council

MOTION: Rep. Wimmer moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Beck, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Litvack and Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

S.B. 142 Driver License Amendments (*Sen. H. Stephenson*)

Sen Stephenson presented the bill to the committee with the assistance of Colonel Scott Olson, Utah National Guard.

MOTION: Rep. Wimmer moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Beck, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Litvack and Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to place S.B. 142 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Beck, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Litvack and Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Beck, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Litvack and Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

Rep. Oda adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Rep. Douglas Aagard, Chair