

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 3, 2011
Room 445, State Capitol Building**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bill Wright, Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. Becky Edwards
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Greg Hughes
Rep. John Mathis
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn Newbold
Rep. Marie Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Ken Sumsion

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart
Rep. Kay McIff
Rep. Holly Richardson

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Wright called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 220 Civics Education Amendments (*Rep. M. Morley*)

Rep. Morley introduced the bill which modifies requirements for instruction in American history and government.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association
Peggy Jo Kennett, Utah School Boards Association

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum
Matthew Piccolo, Sutherland Institute

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

1. Page 2, Line 36:

36 (i) forms of government, such as a democracy, a monarchy, ~~{and}~~ an oligarchy and socialism ; and

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hughes moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Arent, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Poulson voting in opposition.

S.B. 107 Higher Education Success Stipend Program (Sen. W. Niederhauser) (Rep. G. Hughes)

Sen. Niederhauser introduced the bill which replaces the Utah Centennial Opportunity Program for Education with the Success Stipend Program within the State System of Higher Education.

Dave Buhler, Associate Commissioner, Utah Higher Education, spoke in support of the bill.

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

S.B. 46 Higher Education Residency Requirements (Sen. M. Dayton) (Rep. K. Grover)

Sen. Dayton introduced the bill which amends provisions related to higher education residency requirements.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Sumsion was absent for the vote.

S.B. 38 K-3 Reading Amendments (Sen. K. Morgan) (Rep. R. Edwards)

Rep. Edwards introduced the bill which amends deadlines related to the mid-year reading assessments of first, second, and third grade students.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Hughes and Rep. Sumsion were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Hughes and Rep. Sumsion were absent for the vote.

Rep. Bill Wright, Chair

