

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Room 20, West Office Building
February 8, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Kay McIff, Chair
Rep. LaVar Christensen, Vice Chair
Rep. Fred Cox
Rep. Brian Doughty
Rep. Chris Herrod
Rep. Eric Hutchings
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Brian King
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Brad Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Derek Brown

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Jerry D. Howe, Policy Analyst
Ms. Linda Black, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

H.B. 315 Domestic Violence and Dating Violence Amendments (*Rep. P. Ray*)

Rep. Ray presented the bill to the committee.

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

1. *Page 1, Line 17:*

17 • the parties are emancipated or ~~{18}~~ 19 years of age or older;

2. *Page 28, Line 840:*

840 (ii) is ~~{18}~~ 19 years of age or older;

The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Herrod and Rep. McIff absent for the vote.

The gavel was passed to Rep. McIff at 4:30 p.m.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ms. Sarah Sutherland, spoke for herself
Ms. Cherie Rawlings, spoke for herself
Ms. Dalene England, Utah Eagle Forum

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Stewart Ralphs, Legal Aid Society of Utah
Mr. Ned Searle, director, Utah Office on Domestic and Sexual
Violence

MOTION: Rep. King moved to pass the bill out favorably, as amended.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda. The substitute motion passed, with Rep. Doughty and Rep. King voting in opposition. Rep. Ivory and Rep. Wilson were absent for the vote.

H.B. 316 Divorce Waiting Period Amendments (*Rep. V. Peterson*)

Rep. V. Peterson presented the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ms. Laura Bunker, United Families of Utah
Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute
Ms. Lorie Fowlke, attorney
Ms. Gayle Ruzika, Utah Eagle Forum

Spoke to the bill: Stewart Ralphs, Legal Aid Society of Utah

MOTION: Rep. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed, with Rep. Doughty and Rep. Wheatley voting in opposition. Rep. Wilson was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Herrod moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Wilson absent for the vote.

Chair McIff adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.