

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE WORKFORCE SERVICES & COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 215, SENATE BUILDING
FEBRUARY 23, 2012**

Members Present: Sen. Stuart C. Reid, Committee Chair
 Sen. Patricia W. Jones
 Sen. Karen W. Morgan
 Sen. Ralph Okerlund
 Sen. Aaron Osmond
 Sen. Jerry Stevenson

Member Excused: Pres. Michael G. Waddoups

Staff Present: Mr. Ben Christensen, Policy Analyst
 Ms. Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Reid called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Osmund moved to adopt the minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan absent for the vote.

Committee Chair announced that **S.J.R. 25**, **H.B. 312**, and **H.J.R. 17** have been previously discussed in committee and appear on the Agenda today. The bills were not read in on the Senate Floor by the Rules Committee in time for the committee to have official possession of them.

S.J.R. 25 Joint Resolution Honoring Steve Appleton (Sen. J. Valentine)

Sen. Valentine introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to send **S.J.R. 25** out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan absent for the the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to place **S.J.R. 25** on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan absent for the vote.

H.B. 312 Veteran Employment Tax Credit (Rep. D. Ipson)

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to send **H.B. 312** out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 17 Joint Resolution on Interim Committee Name Change (Rep. J. Bird)

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to send **H.J.R. 17** out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved that **H.J.R. 17** be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan absent for the vote.

Sen. Osmund assumed the Committee Chair.

S.B. 203 Audit Process Amendments (Sen. S. Reid)

Sen. Reid introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to send **S.B. 203** out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan absent for the vote.

Sen. Reid resumed the Committee Chair.

S.B. 208 Healthcare Compact (Sen. J. S. Adams)

Sen. Adams introduced and explained the bill assisted by Dan Rassmussen, Sutherland Institute. Both answered questions from the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Paul T, Mero, President, Sutherland Institute
Maryann Christensen, Secretary, Utah Eagle Forum

Spoke against the bill: Danny Harris, Assistant Director, AARP
Jason Cooke, Medicaid Policy, Research Director, Utah Health

Policy

Project

Dave Gessell, Vice President, Utah Hospital Association
Amy Hartman, RN, Administrator, Utah Association for Home Care
Jen Connelly, Legislative Liason, Utah League of Women Voters
Joyce Dolcourt, Vice Chair, Legislative Coalition for People with

Disabilities
Gina Pola-Money, Director, Family Voices of Utah

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to send **S.B. 208** out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Sens. Reid, Osmond, Okerlund and Stevenson voting in favor of the bill and Sens. Jones and Morgan voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Reid adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Sen. Stuart Reid, Committee Chair