

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 29, 2002, 3:30 p.m.
ROOM 131, STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Chair
Sen. D. Edgar Allen
Sen. Leonard M. Blackham
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Paula F. Julander

Staff Present: Art Hunsaker, Research Analyst
Nadine Woodhead, Committee Secretary

Visitors List on File

Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2002.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Julander absent for the vote.

1. S.B. 58 Health Care Access Reform (D. C. Buttars)

Sen. Buttars explained the bill and distributed the following amendments:

1. Page 3, Line 87: After "(b)" delete "Beginning July 1, 2002, the" and insert "The"
2. Page 3, Line 88: After "shall be" delete "annually"

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to adopt the amendments.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Julander absent for the vote.

Catherine Dupont, Attorney, Legislative Research General Counsel, clarified the bill. Judi Hilman, Health Policy Analyst, Utah Issues; Rachel Forsgren, and Linda Haymond, citizens, and David Gessel, Utah Hospitals and Health Systems, spoke for the bill.

Jim Olsen, Utah Retail Merchants Association, spoke to the bill.

Michael Deily, Director, Division of Health Care Financing; Michael Jerman, Vice President, Utah Taxpayers Association, and Rick Martin, Utah Association of Health Underwriters, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion failed with Sens. Allen and Jenkins voting in favor, Sens. Knudson and Blackham voting in opposition, and Sen. Julander absent for the vote.

2. **H. B. 56 Genetic Privacy and Discrimination** (*P. Ray*)

Rep. Ray explained the bill.

Joyce Dolcourt, Informations Officer, Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **H.B. 53 Technical Amendments to Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund** (*K. Morgan*)

Rep. Morgan explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **S. B. 127 Appointments to City and County Health Boards** (*G. Davis*)

Sen. Davis distributed **1st Sub. S. B. 127 Appointments to City and County Health Boards** (G. Davis) and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to delete, in title and body, **S. B. 127 Appointments to City and County Health Boards**, and substitute **1st Sub. S. B. 127 Appointments to City and Health Boards** in its place.

The motion passed unanimously.

Alan Dayton, Deputy Mayor, Salt Lake County, spoke for the bill.

Lewis Garrett, Director, Davis County Health Department; Myron Bateman, Health Officer, Tooele County, and Kathy Froerer, Executive Director, Utah Association Health Officers and Boards of Health, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to advance to the next item on the agenda.

The motion passed with Sens. Allen, Blackham, Julander and Knudson voting in favor, and Sen. Jenkins voting against.

5. S. B. 135 Tobacco Settlement Restricted Account (D. Steele)

Sen. Steele explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jenkins absent for the vote.

6. H. B. 54 Tobacco Amendments (C. Saunders)

Rep. Saunders explained the bill.

Doug Springmeyer, Legal Counsel, Department of Health, spoke to the bill.

Jim Olsen, Utah Retail Merchants Association, and Joy Erickson, American Heart Association, spoke against the bill.

Patrick Fleming, Director of Substance Abuse, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. H. B. 55 Underage Possession of Tobacco Amendments (C. Saunders)

Rep. Saunders explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. H. B. 43 Access to Fluoridated Water (D. Hogue)

Rep. Hogue explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Blackham absent for the vote.

9. **H. B. 215 Department of Health Collection of Information** (D. Hogue)

Rep. Hogue explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to advance to the next item on the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Blackham absent for the vote.

10. **H. B. 214 Extension of Sunset on Telehealth Commission** (D. Hogue)

Sen. Hogue explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Julander moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Blackham absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Blackham absent for the vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Committee Chair