

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 2002, 8:30 A.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 8:25 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Julander moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2002.

The motion passed unanimously.

1. S.B. 192 Air Quality Act Amendments (*B. Wright*)

The bill was not considered.

2. 1st Sub. S. B. 127 Appointments to City and County Health Boards (*G. Davis*)

Sen. Davis explained the bill.

Myron Bateman, Health Officer, Tooele County, spoke against the bill.

Arie VanDeGraaf, Utah Association of Counties, and Alan Dayton, Deputy Mayor, Salt Lake County, spoke for the bill.

Kathy Froerer, Executive Director, Utah Association of Health Officers and Boards of Health, spoke to the bill.

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

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

3. **S. J. R. 14 Resolution on Yucca Mountain as Nuclear Waste Repository** (*G. Davis*)

MOTION: Sen. Julander moved to adopt **2nd Sub. S. J. R. 14 Resolution on Yucca Mountain as Nuclear Waste Repository** (*G. Davis*)

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

Sen. Davis explained the resolution.

Steve Frishman, Technical Policy Coordinator, Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, and Jason Groenwold, Director, Families Against Incinerator Risk, spoke for the bill.

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

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

4. **1st Sub. H. B. 12 Use of Tobacco Settlement Interest Proceeds** (*K. Morgan*)

Rep. Morgan explained the bill.

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

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

5. **H. B. 112 Health Care Malpractice Act Amendments** (*K. Garn*)

Sen. Jenkins introduced the bill, and Craig Peterson, lobbyist, explained it to the committee.

Brian Miller, Attorney, Snow, Christensen and Martineau, and Val Bateman, Utah Medical Association, spoke for the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

6. **H.B. 251 Funding of State and County Health and Human Services Legislative Task Force** (*J. Seitz*)

Rep. Seitz explained the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to reconsider **S. B. 112 Insurance Coverage of Contraceptives** (*S. Poulton*) and to place the bill at the top of the committee's next agenda.

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

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a..m.

Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Committee Chair

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