

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 23, 2003

Room 129, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair  
Rep. Merlynn, T. Newbold, Vice Chair  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. John Dougall  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. Ann W. Hardy  
Rep. David L. Hogue  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway  
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes  
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Loraine T. Pace  
Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. James A. Ferrin

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst  
Greta Rodebush, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2003. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Hogue, Rep. Johnson, Rep. King, and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

**H.B. 76      *Truancy Amendments (D. Bourdeaux)***

Rep. Bourdeaux introduced H.B. 76 which prohibits a parent from refusing to cooperate with school authorities to resolve a truancy problem.

Mr. McKell Withers, Superintendent, Salt Lake City School District spoke to the bill.

The following spoke for the bill:

Mr. Steven H. Peterson, Utah School Boards Assn. and Utah School Superintendents Assn.

Ms. Cheryl Phipps, Utah PTA Education Commissioner

Ms. Margaret Thompson, Parent, Granite School District, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Dayton voting in opposition.

**H.B. 169 Process for Creation of New School Districts (*D. Cox*)**

Rep. Cox introduced H.B. 169 which provides a process for creating new school districts. The bill addresses the transfer of school property to the new school district, a tax on property within the new school district to pay for the new district's proportionate share of the existing district's debt, and for the election of new school board members.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hogue, Rep. Johnson, and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

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Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair