

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 5, 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 A. Ferrin
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

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

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

Vice Chair Newbold called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Pace moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2003. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Holdaway and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

H.B. 77 High School Graduation Requirements - Financial Literacy (*D. Hogue*)

Rep. Hogue introduced H.B. 77 which requires the State Board of Education to include .5 units of financial literacy credit in its graduation requirements.

Ms. Julie Felshaw, Applied Technology Education, Utah State Office of Education, stated that standards and objectives are being put together for an elective course in financial literacy.

Mr. Mary Shumway, Applied Technology Education Director, Utah State Office of Education, stated that the State Board of Education is supportive of the concept of financial literacy and the current legislation being presented through H.B. 77.

Ms. Cheryl Phipps, Utah PTA Education Commissioner, supported the concept of the bill but did

not support mandating the course in legislation.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Mr. Kerry Hurst, citizen

Mr. Ken Gardner, American Federation of Teachers

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda.

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MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Hardy, Rep. Hogue, and Rep. Holdaway voting in favor of the motion. Rep. Johnson was absent for the vote.

A vote was taken on the original motion. The motion passed with Rep. Gowans, Rep. King, Rep. Moss, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Newbold voting in opposition. Rep. Johnson was absent for the vote.

H.B. 86 Public School Choice Enrollment (*C. Moss*)

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda and place H.B. 86 on Friday's agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hogue, Rep. Holdaway, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

S.B. 105 Pledge of Allegiance in Public Schools (*D. C. Buttars*)

Sen. D. Chris Buttars introduced S.B. 105 which modifies provisions of the State System of Public Education relating to the recitation of the pledge of allegiance. Secondary schools will be required to conduct the pledge of allegiance at least once a week.

Mr. Shannon Strickland, Citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

The following spoke against the bill:

Mr. Steven Clark, Citizen

Mr. Mike Rivers, State Director for American Atheists

Mr. Chris Allen, Society of Separationists, Salt Lake City

Ms. Leslie Fawkes, student, Murray High School

MOTION: Rep. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dougall absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dougall absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Newbold adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair