MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 405, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
February 6, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. James A. Ferrin, Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Vice Chair
Rep. Doug Aagard
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. DeMar “Bud” Bowman
Rep. Don E. Bush
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Roz McGee
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. Loraine T. Pace

STAFF PRESENT: John Cannon, Policy Analyst
John Fellows, Associate General Counsel
Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: List filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Ferrin called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.


H.B. 223  Changing State Song (D. Love)

Rep. Love introduced H.B. 223 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Trudy Henderson, teacher, Cook Elementary School, Syracuse

A group of 4th grade children from Cook Elementary School sang “Utah, This is the Place,” the proposed new state song.


H.B. 110 Charter School Capital Facilities Loans (J. Ferrin)

Rep. Ferrin introduced H.B. 110 and explained it to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 12: After "loans" insert "and interest buy-down grants"
2. Page 2, Line 58: After "loans" insert "and interest buy-down grants"
3. Page 3, Line 62: After "loan" insert "and the amount of each interest buy-down grant"
4. Page 3, Line 67: After "loans" insert "and interest buy-down grants"
5. Page 4, Line 91: After "loans" insert "and interest buy-down grants"
6. Page 5, Line 150: After "loans" insert "and interest buy-down grants"

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Gary Doxey, Governor’s Office
Ellen Wallace, Utah School Boards Association
Nathan Rathbun, Utah Charter Schools Association


H.B. 99 Certification of Candidates for Political Offices (N. Hansen)

Rep. Hansen introduced H.B. 99 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Terry Trease, citizen

Spoke to the bill: Lloyd Carr, Carr Printing Company

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE
Rep. Aagard and Rep. Ferrin were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 150  Poll Watcher and Preservation of Election Date Amendments (J. M. Philpot)**

Rep. Philpot introduced H.B. 150 and explained it to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Pace moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 3, Line 65: After "counting" insert "," and delete the rest of the line.

2. Page 3, Line 65: After line 65 insert:
   "(b) The county clerk shall allow a counting poll watcher to stand close enough to the counting process to observe the count without interfering with the counting process."

3. Page 3, Line 66: Delete "(b)" and insert "(c)"

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously with Rep. Aagard and Rep. Ferrin absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Olene Walker, Lieutenant Governor
Dahnelle Burton-Lee, Salt Lake County District Attorney’s Office
Nick Flores, Salt Lake County, Chief Deputy Clerk

Spoke in favor of the bill: Dana Dickson, citizen
Terry Trease, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Pace moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE


The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.