

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 16, 2004

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. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. David L. Hogue
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
Cindy Baker, Committee Secretary

Note: List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m. and welcomed committee members.

H.B. 115 Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarships (*Rep. J. M. Philpot*)

Rep. Philpot and Rep. Newbold presented the bill, which creates a program to award scholarships to students with disabilities who attend a private school. Rep. Newbold introduced Carson Smith, for whom the scholarship is named. Cheryl Smith, parent of Carson Smith, and Katie Nelson, parent of Alex Nelson, assisted in presenting the bill.

Those who spoke in favor of the bill:
Ronda Rose, grandparent, Utah PTA
Russell Skousen, Salt Lake County Council
Ronda Peterson, school district sign language interpreter
Laura Anderson, parent of autistic child
David Dangerfeld, Valley Mental Health
Gary Freedman, parent of autistic child

Those who spoke against the bill:

Carl Wilson, State Director of Special Education

Shauna Crapo, parent of autistic child, Cache Valley

Lisa Wade, Special Education Coalition

Kathryn McCarrie, Special Education Director of Granite School District

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

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MOTION: Rep. Hogue moved to table the bill. The motion failed with Rep. Gowans, Rep. Holdaway, Rep. King, Rep. Moss, Rep. Pace, and Rep. Shurtliff voting in favor of the motion and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with Rep. Newbold, Rep. Ferrin, Rep. Hogue, Rep. Dayton, Rep. Dougall Rep. Hardy, and Rep. Johnson voting in opposition.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to place H.B. 152 on the next agenda in first place. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair