

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 2004
ROOM 131, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Sen. Bill Wright, Committee Chair
Sen. Patrice M. Arent
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. David L. Gladwell
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Member Absent: Sen. John L. Valentine

Staff Present: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Steve Laing, Supt., Utah State Office of Education
Ruland Gill, Questar Corporation
Susan Kuziak, Executive Director, Utah Education Association
Cheryl Phipps, Education Commissioner, Utah PTA
Gary Cameron, Utah School Superintendents Association
Tom Bingham, President, Utah Manufacturers Association
Kevin Marcoux, Acupuncture Association
Kris Justice, Acupuncture Association
Jim Knight, President, Utah Chiropractic Association
Lew Wheelright, Utah Chiropractic Association
Chad Harris, Assoc. Ex. Director, Utah State Board of Education
John deJong, Director, Salt Lake City School District
Gary Cameron, Utah School Boards Association
Tom Bingham, Utah Manufacturers Association

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Committee Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Killpack moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2004.

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

1. S.B. 185 Public Education Amendments (*T. Hatch*)

Sen. Hatch said the bill fine tunes the changes made by S.B. 154 in the last General Session, including modification of the nominating and recruiting committee that selects candidates for the State Board of Education.

The following commented on the bill:

Steve Laing, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education
Susan Kusiak, Utah Education Association
Gary Cameron, Utah School Superintendents Association

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ruland Gill, Questar
Tom Bingham, Utah Manufacturers Association

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Cheryl Phipps, Utah PTA

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed with Sen. Arent and Sen. Hale voting in opposition.

2. S.B. 22 Administrative Rules Reauthorization (*H. Stephenson*)

Sen. Stephenson said the bill reauthorizes all state agency administrative rules except those enumerated.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 21 through 27:*

- 21 Section 1. **Rules reauthorized.**
22 All rules of the state are reauthorized except for the following:
23 (1) R156-73-601, Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing,
Chiropractic
24 Physician Practice Act Rules; and
25 (2) R884-24P-24 (L) [~~(1) and~~] (2) **and (3)** . Tax Commission, Property
Tax, Form for Notice of
26 Property Valuation and Tax Changes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-918
through
27 59-2-924.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Henderson, Utah State Tax Commission, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, Lines 23-24: Delete lines 23-24.

The following spoke in opposition to the amendment:

Kevin Marcaux, Acupuncture Association
Chris Justice, Acupuncture Association

Ray White, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, responded to questions of the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the amendment:

Lew Wheelright, Utah Chiropractic Association
Jim Knight, Legal Legislative Chair, Utah Chiropractic Association

The motion passed with Sen. Stephenson and Sen. Arent voting in opposition and with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out favorably.

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

3. S.B. 154 School Building Legislative Task Force (*H. Stephenson*)

Sen. Stephenson said the bill creates the School Building Legislative Task Force.

Chad Harris, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Gladwell and Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

4. S.B. 51 Education Technology Support for Testing Initiative (*L. Blackham*)

Sen. Blackham said the bill creates a program to award grants to school districts and charter schools for electronic test administration and scoring.

Gary Cameron, Utah School Superintendents Association, spoke in support of the bill.

John DeJong, Salt Lake City School District, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars, Sen. Gladwell, and Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Killpack moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars, Sen. Gladwell, and Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

Sen. Wright adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Sen. Bill Wright