

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 23, 2005
Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. David L. Thomas, Committee Chair
Sen. Patrice M. Arent
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Mark Madsen
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Members Excused: Sen. Dan R. Eastman

Staff Present: Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Norda Shepard, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Rep. David N. Cox
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association
Chad Harris, Utah School Boards Association
Pat Rusk, President, Utah Education Association

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

Committee Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to approve the minutes of 2-21-05.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale, Sen. Madsen, and Sen. Stephenson absent at the time of the vote.

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 63 School District Amendments (Rep. D. Cox)

Rep. David N. Cox presented the bill and distributed a fact sheet. Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 63, School District Amendments, out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Stephenson absent at the time of the vote.

2. H.B. 231 School District Boundaries (Rep. M. Noel)

At the request of the sponsor, Rep. Michael E. Noel, Rep. Cox presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to amend H.B. 231, School District Boundaries, by changing "shall" to "may" on Line 27.

The motion failed with Sen. Arent and Sen. Hale voting in favor and Sen. Thomas, Sen. Buttars, Sen. Madsen and Sen. Stephenson voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to pass H.B. 231, School District Boundaries, out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen. Thomas, Sen. Buttars, Sen. Madsen and Sen. Stephenson voting in favor and Sen. Arent and Sen. Hale voting in opposition.

3. H.B. 206 Charter School Reporting (Rep. C. Moss)

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to amend H.B. 206, Charter School Reporting, by reinstating Lines 33 and 34.

The motion failed with Sen. Thomas, Sen. Arent, and Sen. Hale voting in favor and Sen. Buttars, Sen. Madsen, and Sen. Stephenson voting in opposition.

Sen. Madsen declared a conflict of interest. Chad Harris, Utah School Board Association, and Pat Rusk, President, Utah Education Association, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to pass H.B. 206, Charter School Reporting, out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen. Stephenson voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to adjourn.

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Norda Shepard, Secretary.