

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2005, 1:30 P.M.
ROOM W025, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. Beverly Evans, Chair
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Carlene Walker

Members Absent : Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Gene Davis

Staff Present: Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Nedra Duzett, Senate Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Kent Abel, Exec. Director, Utah Retirement School Employee Assn.
Pat Rusk, President, Utah Education Assn.
Laura Polacheck, AARP of Utah

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

Committee Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2005 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

1. H.B. 217 Public Safety Retirement - Exemption of Certain Employees (D. Clark)

Rep Clark explained the bill.

MOTION: Senator Buttars moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. H.B. 44 Additional State Retirement Benefit (L. Shurtliff)

Rep. Shurtliff explained the bill.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Kent Abel, Exec. Director, Utah Retirement School Employee Assn.
Pat Rusk, President, Utah Education Assn.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Walker moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Beverly Evans, Committee Chair