## MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

January 31, 2006

Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair

Rep. LaVar Christensen, Vice Chair

Rep. Ron Bigelow Rep. Duane Bourdeaux Rep. John Dougall Rep. James A. Ferrin

Rep. James A. Ferrin Rep. James R. Gowans Rep. David L. Hogue Rep. Kory M. Holdaway

Rep. Gregory H. Hughes Rep. Bradley T. Johnson Rep. Carol Spackman Moss Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff

**MEMBERS ABSENT**: Rep. Stephen Urquhart

**STAFF PRESENT:** Constance C. Steffen Policy Analyst

Barbara Thomas, Committee Secretary Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel

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

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

Rep. Moss gave a brief lesson on English grammar.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of Jan 27, 2006. The motion passed

unanimously with Rep. Hughes absent for the vote.

# H.B. 226 Kindergarten Readiness (Rep. L. Shurtliff)

Rep. Shurtliff said the bill changes the recommended time for the administration of a kindergarten readiness test.

Mary Kay Kirkland, Box Elder School District, spoke about their practice of administering a kindergarten readiness test in the spring.

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The following spoke in support of the bill:

Brett Moulding, Curriculum Director, Utah State Office of Education, speaking on behalf of the State Board of Education.

Lynn Greenwood, Literacy Specialist, Utah State Office of Education Rhonda Rose, Utah PTA Vik Arnold, UEA

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously with Representatives Bigelow, Bourdeaux, Hughes, Johnson, and

Christensen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion

passed unanimously with Representatives Bigelow, Bourdeaux, Hughes, Johnson

and Christensen absent for the vote.

### H.B. 143 Instructional Expenses Requirements (Rep. G. Hughes)

Chair Dayton indicated that this bill would not be heard today.

#### H.B. 294 Creation of Education Fund (Rep. J. Alexander)

Rep. Alexander said the bill creates the Education Fund in which income tax revenue would be deposited.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously with Representative Hughes absent for the vote.

# H.B. 297 School Busing Amendments (Rep. D. Cox)

Rep. Cox said the bill only allows state transportation funds for transportation to a student's closest school.

Ray Timothy, USOE spoke to the bill.

Sarah Meier, Granite School District, said that school busing is a local issue.

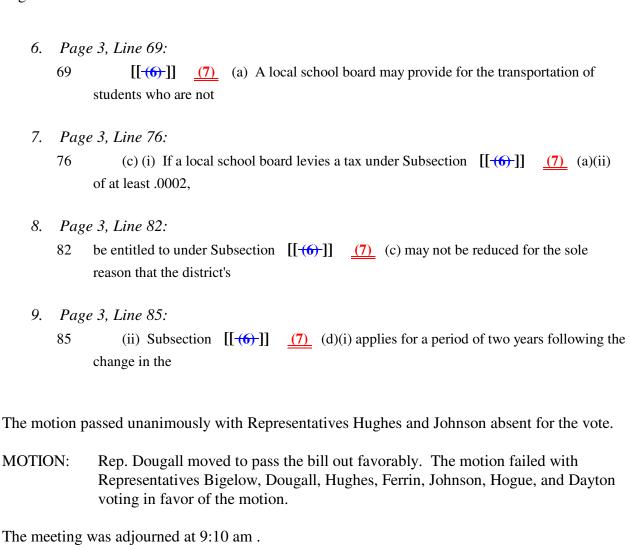
MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 2, Lines 31 through 44:* 

- 31 (1) A student <u>is</u> eligible for state-supported transportation [means:] <u>if the student:</u>
- 32 (a) attends the public school within the student's school district of residence that:
- (i) is nearest to the student's place of residence;
- 34 (ii) offers the student's grade; and
- 35 (iii) is not a charter school; and
- 36 [(a) a student] (b) (i) is enrolled in kindergarten through grade six [who] and lives at
- 37 least 1-1/2 miles from school; or
- 38 [(b) a student] (ii) is enrolled in grades [seven] 7 through 12 [who] and lives at least
- 39 two miles from school  $[[\frac{\cdot}{7}]]$  [and]  $[[\frac{\bullet r}{\bullet}]]$
- 40 [(c) a student] [[(iii) is]] (2) Notwithstanding the provision of Subsection

  (1), a student is eligible for state-supported transportation if the student is enrolled in a special program offered by a school district and
- 41 approved by the State Board of Education for trainable, motor, <u>or</u> multiple-disabled <u>students</u>, or
- other students with severe disabilities who are incapable of walking to school or where it is
- unsafe for students to walk because of their disabling condition, without reference to distance
- 44 from school.
- 2. Page 2, Line 45:
  - 45 [[-(2)-]] (3) If a school district implements double sessions as an alternative to new building
- 3. Page 2, Line 50:
  - 50 [[-(3)-]] (4) (a) The State Office of Education shall distribute transportation monies to school
- 4. Page 3, Line 61:
  - 61 [[-(4)-]] (a) Approved bus routes for funding purposes shall be determined on fall data
- 5. Page 3, Line 65:
  - 65 [[-(5)-]] (6) A Transportation Advisory Committee with representation from local school

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