MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Room W010 - State Capitol Complex
January 31, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. James A. Ferrin, Chair
Rep. Erik K. Hutchings, Vice Chair
Rep. Douglas C. Aagard
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. Ann W. Hardy
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Susan Lawrence
Rep. Rosalind J. McGee
Rep. Ross Romero
Rep. Scott L. Wyatt

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry D. Howe, Policy Analyst
Catherine Dupont, Associate General Counsel
Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

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

Representative Ferrin called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. McGee moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2006 meeting with
the following correction:

McGee voted in opposition to the motion and Rep. Hutchings voted in support of the motion.
With that correction, the minutes were approved with Rep. Donnelson, Rep. Hogue, and Rep.
Wyatt absent for the vote.

H.B. 223 Trespass Law Amendments (Rep. K. Gibson)

Rep. Gibson introduced H.B. 223 and explained it to the committee. He was assisted by Reed
Richards, Weber County Deputy Attorney.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION: Rep. Wyatt moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed
H.B. 270  Emergency Medical Service Provider Tort Reform (Rep. S. Allen)


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

1. Page 2, Lines 34 through 39:

34  (2) For purposes of Subsection (1), "emergency care" means the treatment of an emergency medical condition, as defined in Section 31A-22-627, from the time that the person is transported to the emergency department of a general acute hospital, as defined in Section 26-12-2, and including any subsequent transfer to another hospital, until the condition has been stabilized and the patient is either discharged from the emergency department or admitted to another department of the hospital.


Spoke in favor of the bill: Craig Marsden, M.D., emergency room physician
Bennion Buchanan, M.D., American College of Emergency Physicians
Catherine Wheeler, M.D., Utah Medical Association
Todd Allen, M.D.
Dave Gessel, Utah Hospital Association

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Myrleen Kelly, Utah Citizens Alliance
Charlie Thronson, Utah Trial Lawyers Association
Bonnie Robbins, citizen
Edward Havas, Utah Trial Lawyers Association

The following bills were not considered at this meeting:

H.B. 90  Criminal Penalty Amendments  *(Rep. D. Litvack)*


H.B. 290  Protective Order Amendments  *(Rep. L. Fowlke)*


There was discussion about whether to continue the meeting or adjourn.

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda.

SUBSTITUTE


The original motion to proceed to the next item on the agenda passed on a voice vote.


Rep. Ferrin adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.