

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES STANDING COMMITTEE
Room W020, State Capitol Complex
February 13, 2006**

Members Present: Rep. Michael T. Morley, Chair
Rep. David Clark, Vice Chair
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Ann W. Hardy
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart
Rep. Karen W. Morgan
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff

Staff Present: Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S. Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Barbara Bryner, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Michael Morley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2006. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. Morgan and Rep. Clark absent for the vote.

1. H.B. 334 Public Employees' Health Plan Option (Rep. E. Hutchings)

Rep. Hutchings explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow and Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

2. H.B. 146 Public Safety Retirement for Dispatchers (Rep. D. Bowman)

Rep. Bowman explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Carol Groustra, Department of Public Safety.

The following people spoke for the bill:

Kathryn Fisher, Dispatcher, Department of Public Safety
Dan Fallows, Law Enforcement, Department of Public Safety
Rob Timmerman, Utah Public Employees Association
Representative Paul Ray

Tom Hardy, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Hardy and Rep. Newbold voting against the motion.

3. 2nd Sub. H.B. 9 Workers' Compensation Studies Including Coverage of Firefighters and Drug Officers (Rep. J. Murray)

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to return 2nd Sub. H.B. 9 to the Rules Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Rep. Michael T. Morley, Chair