

MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, February 14, 2006  
Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. David L. Thomas, Committee Chair  
Sen. Patrice M. Arent  
Sen. Dan R. Eastman  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Sen. Mark Madsen  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Members Excused Sen. D. Chris Buttars

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

Public Speakers Present: Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff  
William P. Moore, Davis School Board Member  
Lisa Kirchenheiter, Park City School Board Member  
Laura Baker, Murray City School Board Member  
Carol Lear, State Office of Education  
Natalie Gordon, Utah PTA  
John de Jong, Salt Lake City School Board Member  
Hank Bertoch, Granite School Board Member  
Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association  
Steven Peterson, Utah State School Boards 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 4:16 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

**1. S.B. 199 School Community Council Powers (Sen. M. Madsen)**

Sen. Madsen presented the bill. Those speaking in opposition to the bill were:

William P. Moore, Davis School Board Member  
Lisa Kirchenheiter, Park City School Board Member  
Laura Baker, Murray City School Board Member  
Natalie Gordon, Utah PTA

John de Jong, Salt Lake City School Board Member  
Hank Bertoch, Granite School Board Member

Carol Lear, State Office of Education, voiced concerns with the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Eastman moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with Sens. Madsen and Stephenson voting in opposition.

**2. 1st Sub. H.B. 68 School Fee Waiver Amendments (Rep. L. Shurtliff)**

Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff presented the bill and distributed a list of student fees and school district fee waivers for 2004-2005.

Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association, and Steven Peterson, State School Boards Association, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 68, School Fee Waiver Amendments, out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Eastman moved to adjourn.

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Norda Shepard, Secretary.

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Sen. David L. Thomas, Chair