

**MINUTES OF THE
WORKFORCE SERVICES & COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006 - 9:00 A.M.
Room W015, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex**

Members Present: Sen. Carlene Walker, Committee Chair
 Sen. Fred Fife
 Sen. Mark Madsen

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Eastman
 Sen. Beverly Evans
 Sen. Peter Knudson
 Sen. Ed Mayne

Staff Present: Art Hunsaker, Policy Analyst
 Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Mike Nelson, Governor's Office of Economic Development
 Douglas Abrams, Library Development Director, State Library
 Board

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

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

1. H.B. 131 Economic Development Incentives (B. Dee)

Rep. Dee presented the bill.

Mike Nelson, Governor's Office of Economic Development, distributed a handout and spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to pass H.B. 131 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to place H.B. 131 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **H.B.251 Development Grants for Libraries** (*M. Noel*)

Rep. Noel presented the bill.

Douglas Abrams, Library Development Director, State Library Board, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to pass H.B. 251 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Sen. Madsen voting in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Bonnie Brinton, Secretary.

Sen. Carlene Walker, Committee Chair