

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 21, 2007

Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair
Rep. Sylvia S. Andersen
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion
Rep. Stephen Urquhart
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Patrick Painter, Rep. Brad L. Dee,
Rep. Bradley G. Last and Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart.

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Diane Obeshaw, Committee Secretary
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel

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

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

Rep. Moss gave a pronunciation lesson on the words 'tenet', 'unequivocally' and 'fiscal'.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2007. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Frank absent for the vote.

H.B. 416 Teacher Loan Program (*Rep. L. Hemingway*)

Rep. Hemingway introduced the bill which creates a loan program for teachers.

The following people spoke in support of the bill:

Judy Park, State Board of Education

Kim Campbell, Utah Education Association

Sarah Meiers, Utah School Boards Association and School Superintendents Association

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Frank and Rep. Hughes absent for the vote.

H.B. 451 Critical Needs Hiring Practices for Teachers (*Rep. E. Hutchings*)

Rep. Hutchings introduced the bill which modifies re-employment restrictions for certain retirees.

The following spoke in support of the bill:
Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association
Judy Park, State Board of Education
Kim Campbell, Utah Education Association

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Newbold voting in opposition and Rep. Hughes absent for the vote.

S.B. 90 Higher Education Enhancements (*Sen. J. Hickman*)

S.B. 90 was not considered.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair

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