

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM W125, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 8, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Paul Ray, Chair
 Rep. Ronda R. Menlove, Vice Chair
 Rep. D. Gregg Buxton
 Rep. John Dougall
 Rep. Wayne A. Harper
 Rep. David Litvack
 Rep. Phil Riesen
 Rep. Stephen E. Sandstrom

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Andrews, Policy Analyst
 Sylvia Newton, House Secretary

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

Rep. Ray called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Harper moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 338 Emergency Room Tort Reform (*Rep. B. Last*)

Rep. Last presented H.B. 338 to the committee, assisted by Chet Loftis, attorney.

Spoke against the bill: Charles Thronson, attorney, Parsons Behle & Latimer
 Clark Newhall, attorney
 Myrleen Kelly, Utah Citizens Alliance
 Tammy Diaz, citizen
 Karla Glodowski, citizen
 Laura Polacheck, AARP

Spoke in favor of the bill: Bennion Buchanan, emergency room physician
 Todd Allen, emergency room physician

Spoke to the bill: Cathy Dupont, Associate General Counsel, Legislative Research and
 General Counsel

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to pass H.B. 338 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Riesen moved to table the bill. The motion failed with Rep. Litvack and Rep. Riesen voting in favor of the motion.

The original motion to pass the bill out favorably passed with Rep. Litvack and Rep. Riesen voting in opposition to the motion.

H.B. 369 Nursing Care Facility Licensure Modifications (*Rep. S. Urquhart*)

H.B. 369 was not heard in this meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Menlove moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Ray adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Rep. Paul Ray
Committee Chair