

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 9, 2007
ROOM W020, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present: Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Scott D. McCoy

Staff Present: Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Nedra B. Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Zan Burningham, Utah State Office of Education, Visual Arts,
Gay Straight Alliance Clubs Advisor
Ruby Martinez
Jean Hill, Education Specialist, Utah State Office of Education
Hal Newman, Gay Straight Advisor, Hunter High School
Samantha B, President, Gay Straight Alliance Club, Hunter High
School
Will Carlson, representing Quality Utah
Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum
Dalane England, Vice-President, Utah Eagle Forum
Sharon Bies
Judy Twede, Constitution Coalition
Michelle Segmiller
Dr. Michelle Moskos, Suicidologist
Sherry Whitwer, NAMI Utah

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

Committee Chair Buttars called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the Feb. 7, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Goodfellow absent for the vote.

1. H.B. 236S4 Student Clubs Amendments (A. Tilton)

Rep. Tilton explained the bill.

The following individuals spoke against the bill.

Zan Burningham, Utah State Office of Education, Visual Arts, Gay
Straight Alliance Clubs Advisor
Ruby Martinez
Jean Hill, Education Specialist, Utah State Office of Education
Hal Newman, Gay Straight Alliance Advisor, Hunter High School
Samantha B, President, Gay Straight Alliance Club, Hunter High School
Will Carlson, representing Quality Utah
Dr. Michelle Moskas

The following individuals spoke in support of the bill.

Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum
Dalane England, Vice-President, Utah Eagle Forum
Sharon Bies
Judy Twede, Constitution Coalition
Michelle Segmiller

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to delete in title and body H.B. 236S4 and replace it with 3rd Substitute H.B. 236, Student Clubs Amendments.

The motion failed with Sen. Christensen, Sen. Knudson, and Chair Buttars voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass S.B. 236S4 out favorably.

The motion passed with Sen. Goodfellow and Sen. McCoy voting in opposition.

2. H.B. 252 Utah Suicide Prevention Act (W. Harper)

Sen. Niederhauser spoke in behalf of Rep. Harper and asked the committee to adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 252.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to delete in title and body H.B. 252 and replace it with 1st Substitute H.B. 252, Utah Suicide Prevention Act.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Goodfellow absent for the vote.

Sen. Niederhauser explained the bill.

Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in support of the bill.

Sherry Whitwer, NAMI Utah, and Dr. Michelle Moskos, suicidologist, spoke against the bill.

Rep. Harper gave a summary on the bill.

No action was taken on the substitute bill.

Chair Buttars adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary.

Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Committee Chair