MINUTES OF THE WORKFORCE SERVICES & COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007 - 4:00 P.M. Room W015, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Mark Madsen, Committee Chair

Sen. Dan Eastman Sen. Fred Fife

Sen. Sheldon Killpack Sen. Patricia Jones Sen. Dennis Stowell

Staff Present: Art Hunsaker, Policy Analyst

Norda Shepard, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Sen. Curtis S. Bramble

Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser

LaVar Christensen

Dan Witte

Paul Mero, President, Sutherland Institute Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum

Stewart Ralphs, Executive Director, Legal Aid Society Harris Sondak, Professor, David Eccles College of Business

David Spatafore Lauren Barrows

Mont Evans, Utah Restaurant Association Tim Guinney, Gastronomy Restaurants

Melva Sine, President/CEO Utah Restaurant Association

Joel LaSalle, Oasis Café

Gary Gruber, Chairman, Utah Restaurant Association

Jason Kassing, Kassing Andrews Advertising Steve White, Utah County Commissioner

Wayne Jones, Exe. Director, Salt Lake Valley Lodging Association

Barbara Riddle, CEO, Davis County Convention Bureau Alan Hansen, Chairman, Davis County Commission

Brent Gardner, Association of Counties

Rebecca Roswell, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legislative

Research and General Counsel

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

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 4.16 p.m and announced that the order of the agenda would be changed.

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1. S.B. 248 Parent and Child Amendments

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble proposed a substitute bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to delete in title and body S.B. 248, Parent and Child Amendments, and replace it with 1st Sub. 248, Parent and Child Amendments.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Eastman, Fife, Killpack and Stowell absent at the time of the vote.

Sen. Bramble presented the substitute bill and proposed an amendment.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to amend 1st Sub. 248, Parent and Child Amendments, with the following amendment:

Page 2, Line 40: Delete "62A-41-201" and insert "62A-4a-201"

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Eastman, Fife, Killpack and Stowell absent at the time of the vote.

Those speaking in support of the bill were LaVar Christensen, former representative and original bill sponsor; Dan Witte; Paul Mero, President, Sutherland Institute; and Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum. Those speaking in opposition were Stewart Ralphs, Executive Director, Legal Aid Society; Harris Sondak, Professor, David Eccles College of Business; David Spatafore, and Lauren Barrows.

MOTION: Sen. Eastman moved to pass 1st Sub. S.B. 248, Parent and Child Amendments, out of committee with a favorable recommendation as amended.

The motion passed with Sen. Jones voting in opposition and Sen. Fife absent at the time of the vote.

2. S.B. 68 Funding for Tourism Promotion

Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser proposed a substitute bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to delete in title and body S.B. 68, Funding for Tourism Promotion, and replace it with 1st Sub. S.B. 68, Funding for Tourism Promotion.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Fife absent at the time of the vote.

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Sen. Niederhauser presented the substitute bill.

Those speaking in support were Mont Evans, Utah Restaurant Association; Tim Guinney, Gastronomy Restaurants; Melva Sine, President/CEO Utah Restaurant Association, who distributed literature to committee members; Joel LaSalle, Oasis Café; Gary Gruber, Chairman, Utah Restaurant Association, and Jason Kassing, Kassing Andrews Advertising.

Those speaking in opposition were Steve White, Utah County Commissioner; Wayne Jones, Executive Director, Salt Lake Valley Lodging Association; Barbara Riddle, CEO, Davis County Convention Bureau; Alan Hansen, Chairman, Davis County Commission, and Brent Gardner, Association of Counties.

Kassing Andrews Advertising presented a video of proposed restaurant ads.

Rebecca Roswell, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, answered committee questions.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Eastman and Killpack absent at the time of the vote.

Chair Madsen adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Norda Shepard, Secretary.

Sen. Mark Madsen, Committee Chair