

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
Friday, February 15, 2008
Room C415, State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Margaret Dayton, Committee Chair
Sen. Pat Jones
Sen. Darin Peterson
Sen. Ross Romero
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Members Absent: Sen. Greg Bell

Members Excused: Sen. Curtis Bramble
Sen. Lyle Hillyard

Staff Present: Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Dee S Larsen, Attorney
Joan Tiffany, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Senator Mike Dmitrich
Mary Shumway, Staff, Utah State Office of Education
Dawn Stephenson, Staff, Utah State Office of Education
Mary Ann Kirk, Utah PTA
Senator Pat Jones
Peter Corroon, Mayor, Salt Lake County
Bruce Parker, Cities and Counties Education Committee
Natalie Gordon, Commissioner, Utah PTA
Rita Lund, Eastside Township Representative, Salt Lake County
Representative Curtis Oda
David Turner, Principal, North Layton Junior High School (NLJH)
Camree Larkin, Student Body Treasurer, NLJH
Kristin Hanson, Student Body Historian, NLJH
Kamarie Nicdao, Student Body President, NLJH
Joel Fletcher, Student Body Vice-President, NLJH
Representative Sheryl Allen
Representative Roger Barrus
Representative Stephen Sandstrom
Larry Shumway, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Office of
Education
Sarah Meier, Past President, Utah School Boards Association

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes. Committee Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

MOTION: Sen. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting. This motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Bramble, Hillyard and Stephenson absent for the vote.

1. **S.B. 234 Minimum School Program Amendments-Counseling and Guidance Programs**

Sen. Mike Dmitrich presented S.B. 234.

Mary Shumway and Dawn Stephensen distributed a handout and spoke in favor of the bill. Mary Ann Kirk also spoke in favor of the bill

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to pass S.B. 234 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. This motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Hillyard and Bramble absent for the vote.

2. **S.B. 241-Local Government Cooperation in Education Matters**

Sen. Pat Jones presented S.B. 241.

Mayor Peter Corroon, Bruce Parker, Natalie Gordon and Rita Lund spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Romero made a motion to pass S.B. 241 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Hillyard and Bramble absent for the vote.

3. **H.C.R. 1-Meth Awareness For Students and Educators Resolution**

Rep. Oda presented H.C.R.1.

David Turner, Camree Larkin, Joel Fletcher, Kristen Hansen, and Kamarie Nicdao distributed a handout and spoke in favor of the bill. Sarah Meier expressed support for the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jones made a motion to pass H.C.R. 1 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Hillyard and Bramble absent for the vote.

4. **H.B. 112-Public Education Foundation Amendments**

Rep. Sheryl Allen presented the following amendment for H.B. 112.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson made a motion to amend H.B. 112 as shown below. This motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Hillyard, Bramble and Peterson absent for the vote.

1. *Page 1, Lines 15 through 16:*

15 schools;

▶ prohibits a school district foundation from engaging in certain political activities;

16 ▶ requires a local school board that establishes a foundation to require the foundation

2. *Page 2, Lines 49 through 54:*

49 managed for that school; ~~{and}~~

50 (h) shall, for foundation accounts from which monies are distributed to schools,
51 provide all the schools within a school district information that:

52 (i) details account transactions; and

53 (ii) shows available balances in the accounts ~~{-}~~ **; and**

(i) may not:

(i) engage in lobbying activities;

(ii) attempt to influence legislation; or

(iii) participate in any campaign activity for or against:

(A) a political candidate; or

(B) an initiative, referendum, proposed constitutional amendment, bond, or any

other ballot proposition submitted to the voters

54 (3) A local school board that establishes a foundation under Subsection (1) shall:

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to pass amended H.B. 112 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. This motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Hillyard, Bramble and Peterson absent for the vote.

5. **H.B. 271-Utah Purple Heart Recipients Tuition Act Amendments**

Rep. Roger Barrus presented H.B. 271.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to pass H.B. 271 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. This motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bell, Hillyard, Bramble and Peterson absent for the vote.

6. **1st. Sub. H.B. 287-Regulation of Teacher-Student Relationships**

Rep. Stephen Sandstrom presented 1st. Sub. H.B. 287.

Larry Shumway and Sarah Meier spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to pass 1st. Sub. H.B. 287 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. This motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Hillyard, Bramble and Peterson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Hillyard, Bramble and Peterson absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Senator Margaret Dayton, Chair

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