

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE
Thursday, February 21, 2008
Room C415, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex

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

Member Excused: Sen. Lyle Hillyard

Staff Present: Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Joan Tiffany, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Sen. Mark Madsen
Mark VanWagoner, Attorney, Utah High Schools Athletic
Association (UHSAA)
Paul Mero, President, The Sutherland Institute
Debi Tabor, Student Involvement, Utah PTA
Bart Thompson, Associate Director, UHSAA
Sen. Michael Waddoups
David Litvan, President, Utah Mining Association
Gina Crezee, Rio Tinto, Kennecott (KCC)
Rep. Ronda Menlove
Nan Gray, State Director, Special Education, Utah State Office of
Education
Steven Peterson, Utah School Boards Association & Utah School
Superintendents Association
Jeff Leonard, Utah School Employees Association
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. Lynn Hemingway
Larry Shumway, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Office of
Education
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Ruth Dallas, I.B.Coordinator, Skyline High School
Rebecca Odoardi, Director of Gifted and Talented, Davis School
District
Holly Langton, Education Commissioner, Utah PTA

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

Committee Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at the designated time of 8:08 am as posted.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bramble and Romero absent for the vote.

1. **S. B. 223-Standards for Acceptance of School Transfer Applications**

Sen. Mark Madsen presented S.B. 223 to the committee.

Mark VanWagoner, Debi Tabor and Bart Thompson spoke in opposition to the bill.

Paul Mero spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass S.B. 223 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Sens. Dayton, Bell, Bramble, and Stephenson voting aye. Sens. Jones and Romero voted nay. Sen. Peterson was absent for the vote.

2. **S.B. 219-Use of Severance Tax Revenues When a School District Occurs**

Sen. Michael Waddoups presented 1st. Sub. 219 to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to adopt 1st. Sub. 219. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell and Peterson absent for the vote.

David Litvan and Gina Crezee stated that their organizations did not oppose the bill in its current form.

MOTION: Sen. Romero made a motion to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Peterson was absent for the vote.

3. **H.B. 66- Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship Program**

Rep. Ronda Menlove presented H.B. 66 to the committee.

Nan Gray, Steve Peterson and Jeff Leonard spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to pass H.B. 66 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble absent for the vote.

4. **H.B. 96-Retired Teachers-Return to Work**

Rep. Paul Ray presented H.B. 96 to the committee on Rep. Bowman's behalf.

Steve Peterson spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to pass H.B. 96 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble absent for the vote.

5. **H.B. 85-Teacher Loan Program**

Rep. Lynn Hemingway presented H.B. 85 to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to adopt the amendment to H.B. 85 shown below. This motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble absent for the vote.

0. *Page 2, Lines 32 through 34*
House Committee Amendments
1-29-2008:

- 32 (2) The State Board of Education shall:
- 33 (a) subject to the availability of funding for the loan program from
appropriations and loan principal and interest repayments, award
{appropriated} available loan funds to individual teachers who:
- 34 (i) teach full time in a school district ~~H~~→ or charter school ~~←~~H within the
state;

0. *Page 3, Lines 77 through 79*
House Committee Amendments
1-29-2008:

- 77 (ii) require full repayment of the outstanding loan principal and interest if and
when the primary
- 78 residence is sold within ten years of loan issuance.

(6) If appropriations and loan principal and interest repayment funds are
insufficient to cover the costs associated with the Teacher Loan Program for all
eligible applicants, the State Board of Education shall:

(a) limit the number of loans authorized to correspond to the amount of
available funds; and

(b) select loan recipients using the criteria established pursuant to

Subsection (5)(a). =

79 Section 2. Appropriation.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to pass amended H.B. 85 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Sens. Bell, Jones, Peterson, Romero and Stephenson voting in favor of the motion. Sen. Dayton voted nay. Sen. Bramble was absent for the vote.

6. **H.B. 266-Accelerated Learning Program Revisions**

Sen. Pat Jones presented H.B. 266 to the committee.

Ruth Dallas, Rebecca Odoardi, Holly Langston and Rep. Carol Moss spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion failed with Sens. Romero, Bell and Jones voting nay. Sens. Dayton, Peterson and Stephenson voted aye. Sen. Bramble was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to pass H.B. 266 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion failed with Sens. Dayton, Peterson and Stephenson voting nay and Sens. Bell, Jones and Romero voting aye. Sen. Bramble was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Bell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.

Senator Margaret Dayton