

**MINUTES OF THE WORKFORCE SERVICES & COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008, 8:00 A.M.
Room W015, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex**

Members Present: Sen. Mark Madsen, Committee Chair
Sen. Fred Fife
Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Sen. Dennis Stowell

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Eastman
Sen. Patricia Jones

Staff Present: Art Hunsaker, Policy Analyst
Rolayne Day, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Sen. Hillyard
Jason Perry, Exec. Dir., Governors' Office of Econ. Development
Rep. Mascaro
Rep. Bigelow
Rep. Neuenschwander
Bill Starks, Dir. Unemployment Insurance, DWS
Delane England, Small Business Owner
Tom Bingham, Pres., Utah Manufacturers' Assoc. & the Unemployment Council
F. David Stanley, Dir. Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

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

Acting Committee Chair Stowell called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

1. S. B. 185, Economic Incentive Revisions, by Sen. Hillyard

Sen. Hillyard said that a Substitute S. B. 185 was not yet ready. He explained what the substitute bill will do and how it will differ from the original. Jason Perry, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, spoke in support of the bill. Questions and comments were heard from Sens. Fife and Hillyard and Mr. Perry.

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to send S.B. 185 out of committee with a favorable recommendation, and with the understanding that a substitute bill will be presented on the Senate Floor.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Madsen and Killpack absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to approve minutes of the February 4, 2008, meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Madsen and Killpack absent for the vote.

2. H. B. 59, Community and Economic Development Technical Changes, by Rep. Mascaro

Rep. Mascaro explained H. B. 59 to the committee. Questions and comments were heard from Sen. Fife and Rep. Mascaro.

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to pass H. B. 59 out with a favorable recommendation..

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Madsen assumed the Committee Chair.

3. H. B. 270, Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative Centers, by Rep. Bigelow

Rep. Bigelow explained H. B. 270 to the committee. Comments and questions were heard from Sens. Fife and Stowell, Rep. Bigelow, and Mr. Perry.

MOTION: Sen. Stowell moved to send H. B. 270 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

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

4. H. B. 64, Disclosure of Information by the Department of Workforce Services, by Rep. Neuenschwander

Rep. Neuenschwander explained H. B. 64 to the committee. Bill Starks, Director of the Unemployment Insurance Division, Department of Workforce Services, spoke in favor of the bill. Questions and discussion were heard from Sens. Fife and Madsen, Rep. Neuenschwander, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Starks. Delane England, small business owner, spoke against the bill. Tom Bingham, President of the Utah Manufacturers' Association and a member of the Unemployment Council, and F. David Stanley, Director of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to pass H. B. 64 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

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

MOTION: Sen. Stowell moved to adjourn.

Chair Madsen adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Rolayne Day, Secretary.