

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 30, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 17, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Paul Ray, Chair
 Rep. Ronda R. Menlove, Vice Chair
 Rep. Brad Daw
 Rep. Phil Riesen
 Rep. Stephen E. Sandstrom
 Rep. Evan Vickers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Trisha Beck

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Andrews, Policy Analyst
 Sylvia Newton, House Secretary
 Tom Vaughn, Associate General Counsel

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Ray called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 288 Adoption Amendments (*Rep. R. Chavez-Houck*)

Rep. Chavez-Houck explained the bill, assisted by Lauren Barros, family law attorney. Robert Bussen, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Park City, Kathy Godwin, and Gregg Valdez also assisted and spoke in favor of the bill.

Spoke to the bill: Duane Betournay, Division of Child and Family Services

Spoke in favor of the bill: Cathleen Power, citizen
 Margy Batson, citizen
 Will Carlson, Equality Utah
 Adam Young, student

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Frank Mylar, attorney
 Scott H. Clark, attorney (handouts)
 Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute (handout)
 Karen Merkley, United Families Utah
 Jonas Rodrigues, America Forever

MOTION: Rep. Sandstrom moved to table H.B. 288.

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MOTION: Rep. Riesen moved to pass H.B. 288 with a favorable recommendation. The motion failed with Rep. Riesen voting in favor of the motion.

The original motion to table H.B. 288 passed with Rep. Riesen voting in opposition to the motion.

Rep. Ray relinquished the chair to Rep. Menlove.

S.B. 158 Child Support - Cash Medical Support (Sen. G. Bell)

Sen. Bell explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Tracy Graham, Office of Recovery Services.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to pass S.B. 158 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Ray absent for the vote.

S.J.R. 7 Joint Resolution Designating May 2009 as Utah Lions Club Eyesight Preservation Month (Sen. K. Mayne)

Sen. Mayne explained the resolution to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Vickers moved to pass S.J.R. 7 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Ray absent for the vote.

S.B. 20 Local Public Health Emergency Funding (Sen. D. Stowell)

This bill was not heard.

H.B. 142 Reporting Abuse or Neglect of the Elderly or Disabled (Rep. L. Hemingway)

This bill was not heard.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Ray absent for the vote.

Rep. Menlove adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Rep. Paul Ray
Committee Chair