

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009
ROOM 250 STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair
Sen. Gregory S. Bell
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Luz Robles

Staff Present: Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Cami Deavila, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Dr. Tom Metcalf, M.D., American Academy of Pediatrics, Utah Chapter
Judi Hilman, Utah Health Policy Project
Alan Pruhs, Utah Association for Community Health
John Pingree, President, Intermountain Healthcare Foundation
Ken Mortensen, Citizen
Dawn Higley, American Diabetes Association
Laura Landon, Executive Director, American Diabetes Association
The Honourable Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor
Elizabeth Garbe, Utah Health Policy Project

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

Sen. Buttars called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

1. SB0225, Health Amendments for Legal Immigrant Children (*L. Robles*)

Sen. Robles introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to amend S.B. 225, Health Amendments for Legal Immigrant Children, as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 18 through 21:*

18 ▶ directs the Department of Health to amend the state Medicaid plan {**to**
provide
19 **Medicaid coverage, and coverage under**} **and** the Utah Children's Health
Insurance

- 20 Program ~~{,}~~ to provide coverage to an eligible legal immigrant child, regardless
of the length of time that
21 the child has been in the United States.

2. *Page 2, Line 45:*

- 45 federal law and rule, the department shall ~~{-amend the state Medicaid plan to-}~~
provide coverage

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

Mr. Pingree, Mr. Pruhs, Ms. Hilman, and Mr. Metcalf spoke for the bill. Mr. Mortensen spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass S.B. 225, Health Amendments for Legal Immigrant Children, as amended, out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen. Hinkins voting nay.

2. HB0188S01, Health System Reform-Insurance Market (*D. Clark*)

Rep. Clark introduced the bill.

The Honourable Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. spoke for the bill.

Ms. Higley, Ms. Garbe, and Ms. Landon spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Bell moved to pass H. B. 188S01, Health System Reform-Insurance Market, out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. HB0165S01, Health Reform-Administrative Simplification (*M. Newbold*)

Rep. Newbold introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 165S01, Health Reform-Administrative Simplification, out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. HB0331S02, Health Reform-Administrative Simplification (*J. Dunnigan*)

Rep. Dunnigan introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Robles moved to pass H.B. 331S02, Health Reform-Administrative Simplification, out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Buttars adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Cami Deavila, Secretary.

D. Chris Buttars, Committee Chair