

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011, 7:30 A.M.
ROOM 415, STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Chair
Sen. Lyle Hillyard
Sen. Karen Morgan
Sen. Wayne Niederhauser
Sen. Jerry Stevenson
Sen. Daniel Thatcher

Members Excused: Sen. Lyle Hillyard

Staff Present: Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Chris Buttars, Senator, State of Utah
Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum
Ronda Menlove, Representative, State of Utah
Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association
Patti Harrington, Associate Executive Director, Utah School
Boards Association, Utah School Superintendents
Association
Jacki Evans, Utah Taxpayers Association
Kenneth Sumsion, Representative, State of Utah
Gregory Hughes, Representative, State of Utah
Brad Last, Representative, State of Utah
Martell Menlove, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of
Education
Curtis Bramble, Senator, State of Utah
Ryan Sagers, President, Utah Association of Private Sector
Colleges and Universities
Darris Howe, Vice President/State Director, University of Phoenix

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

Chair Stephenson called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2011 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Niederhauser and Thatcher absent for the vote.

1. S.B. 78 - Public School Early Graduation Counseling

Sen. Buttars introduced and explained the bill.

Ms. Ruzicka spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. J. Stevenson moved to pass S.B. 78 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Niederhauser and Thatcher absent for the vote.

2. H.B. 50 - School Termination Procedures Modifications

Rep. Menlove introduced and explained the bill.

Mr. Holdaway spoke to the bill.

Ms. Harrington and Ms. Evans spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to pass H.B. 50 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

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

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to place H.B. 50 on the Consent Calendar.

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

3. H.B. 195 - Debt Service Obligations of a Divided School District

Rep. Sumsion introduced and explained the bill.

Ms. Harrington spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Niederhauser moved to pass H.B. 195 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

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

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to place H.B. 195 on the Consent Calendar.

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

4. H.B. 83 - Charter School Revolving Account

Rep. Hughes introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. J. Stevenson moved to pass H.B. 83 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Niederhauser and Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. J. Stevenson moved to place H.B. 83 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Niederhauser and Thatcher absent for the vote.

Sen. Thatcher assumed the chair.

5. 1st Sub H.B. 92 - Public Education Regional Service Centers

Rep. Last introduced and explained the bill.

Ms. Harrington and Mr. Menlove spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 92 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Niederhauser and H. Stephenson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to place 1st Sub. H.B. 92 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Niederhauser and H. Stephenson absent for the vote.

6. S.B. 210 - Utah Postsecondary Proprietary School Act Amendments

Sen. Bramble introduced and explained the bill.

Mr. Sagers and Mr. Howe spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. J. Stevenson moved to pass S.B. 210 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Niederhauser and H. Stephenson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to place S.B. 210 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. H. Stephenson and Niederhauser absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. J. Stevenson moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Niederhauser and H. Stephenson absent for the vote.

Acting Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Karen C. Allred, Secretary.

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson