

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 18, 2011  
ROOM 250 STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present: Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair  
Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Sen. Mark B. Madsen  
Sen. Stuart C. Reid  
Sen. Patricia W. Jones

Members Absent: Sen. Luz Robles

Staff Present: Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Kathy Helgesen, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Ginger Phillips  
Royce VanTassell, Vice President, Utah Taxpayer's Association  
Andrew Riggle, Public Advocate, Disability Law Center  
Ed Smart  
Todd Losser, Utah Public Employees Association  
Palmer DePaulis, Director, Utah Department of Human Services  
Kelly Wright, SWAT Civil Co-Chair, UCFAA  
Joyce Kinmont, Family Advocate, Utah Family Association

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

Sen. Buttars called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jones and Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

1. **SB0253 - State Hospital Amendments (J. S. Adams)**

Sen. Adams introduced the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adopt Amendment #1 as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 19 through 21:*

19           ▶   requires that, on or before August 1, 2011, the division shall, in consultation

- with
- 20 the Privatization Policy Board, issue a request for proposals for a private entity to    
under the direction and control of the division:
- 21 •   administer the state hospital { ~~, under the direction and control of the~~  
~~division~~}  ; or
- administer the state hospital in partnership with the division ;
2. *Page 3, Lines 66 through 69:*
- (b) allow for options of operating the state hospital through a partnership between  
a private entity and the division;
- 66 {~~(b)~~} (c) ensure that the successful responder will operate the state  
hospital:
- 67 (i) at a cost that is at or below the cost to the state of operating the state hospital;  
and
- 68 (ii) in a manner that is in compliance with federal and state law and regulations;  
and
- 69 {~~(c)~~} (d) ensure that the division will have complete access to, at any  
time:

Ms. Phillips, Mr. Riggle, and Mr. Losser spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. VanTassell and Mr. Smart, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. DePaulis and Mr. Bryant spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved that the bill be placed on the Master Study Resolution.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Reid moved to pass S.B. 253, as amended, out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed 3-2-1 with Sen. Christensen and Sen. Jones voting in opposition to the bill.

2. **SCR014 - Concurrent Resolution Honoring Providers of Health Care Services to Military Personnel and Their Dependents (J. S. Adams)**

Sen. Adams introduced the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass S.C.R. 14 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

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

3. **HB0216S01 - Reunification Services Amendments (M. Newbold)**

Rep. Newbold presented the bill.

Ms. Kinmont spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 216 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Madsen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Minutes reported by Kathy Helgesen, Secretary.

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Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Committee Chair