

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE  
Room 25, House Office Building  
February 9, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Paul Ray, Chair  
Rep. Evan J. Vickers, Vice Chair  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Bradley M. Daw  
Rep. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove  
Rep. Dean Sanpei  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Ms. RuthAnne Frost, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Linda Black, House Secretary

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

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2012. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Menlove, Rep. Sanpei, and Rep. Vickers absent for the vote.

**H.B. 319** **Provision of Information to Parents of Children in State Custody** (*Rep. C. Watkins*)

Rep. Watkins presented the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ms. Sharon Burgess  
Mr. Dan Duell, American Action Parental League  
Ms. Charri Brummer, Assistant Director, Division of Child and Family Services (Department of Human Services)

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Vickers absent for the vote.

**H.B. 308** **Parental Rights of Biological Fathers** (*Rep. C. Watkins*)

Rep. Watkins presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to replace H.B. 308 with 1st Substitute H.B. 308. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Vickers absent for the vote.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ms. Jennifer Graham  
Mr. Dan Duell, American Action Parental League

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Mr. David Hardy, attorney, Utah Adoption Council  
(handout)  
Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute  
Ms. Donna Pope, Heart to Heart Adoptions

Spoke to the bill: Ms. Janice Houston, Utah Office of Vital Statistics, Utah  
Department of Health  
Ms. Lisa Harris  
Natalie (no surname given)

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to hold the bill, as substituted. The motion passed with Rep. Chavez-Houck, Rep. Ray, and Rep. Watkins voting in opposition.

**H.B. 232 Abuse, Neglect, and Division Definitions** (*Rep. C. Watkins*)

Rep. Watkins presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 8 through 15:*

8 General Description:

9 This bill ~~{ modifies the definition of neglect and }~~ eliminates a responsibility  
of the

10 Division of Child and Family Services.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

13 ~~{ → adds willful, wanton, and reckless negligence to the definition of  
neglect, and }~~

14 ▶ eliminates the division's responsibility to conduct court-ordered home  
evaluations in

15 custody proceedings.

2. *Page 7, Lines 191 through 194:*

- 191 (25) (a) "Neglect" means action or inaction {~~that is willful, wanton, or reckless~~  
192 negligence.} causing:  
193 (i) abandonment of a child, except as provided in Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Part 8, Safe  
194 Relinquishment of a Newborn Child;

The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute  
Spoke to the bill: Ms. Charri Brummer, Assistant Director, Division of Child and  
Family Services (Department of Human Services)

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to place H.B. 232 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Menlove moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Ray adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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Rep. Paul Ray, Chair