

**MINUTES OF THE
BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 20, 2008 – 3:00 p.m. – Room W025 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Kevin T. VanTassell, Senate Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Brian P. Monsen
Rep. Paul A. Neuenschwander

Members Absent:

Rep. Stephen D. Clark, House Chair
Sen. Dan R. Eastman
Sen. John W. Hickman
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Kevin S. Garn
Rep. Karen W. Morgan
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

Staff Present:

Ms. Allison M. Nicholson, Policy Analyst
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Phalin L. Flowers, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair VanTassell called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m. He excused Rep. S. Clark from the meeting and welcomed Rep. Monsen, who was appointed to replace Rep. Mark Walker.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Biskupski absent for the vote.

2. Uniform Laws

Sen. Hillyard introduced this item and also introduced Mr. Harry Haynesworth and Mr. Reed Martineau, Commissioners, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Mr. Haynesworth distributed and discussed "Why Utah Should Enact RUPA, RULPA, and RULLCA."

Ms. Kathy Berg, Director, Division of Corporations and Commercial Code, Utah Department of Commerce, spoke about the possibility of conforming amendments and benefits to enacting the uniform laws.

3. Helmets to Hardhats Program

Sen. Davis discussed a draft letter that was included in the mailing packet regarding support for the Helmets to Hardhats apprenticeship program.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adopt the letter regarding support for the Helmets to Hardhats program. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Biskupski absent for the vote.

4. Sunset Review - Title 34A, Chapter 8, Utah Injured Worker Reemployment Act

Ms. Nicholson discussed "Overview - Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act," which was included in the mailing packet. She discussed the duties of the Committee regarding sunset reviews and explained the sunset review process.

Ms. Owen discussed "Overview: Title 34A, Chapter 8, Utah Injured Worker Reemployment Act," which was included in the mailing packet. She gave a summary of the Act and discussed the history of the Act.

Mr. Larry Bunkall, Director, Industrial Accidents Division, Utah Labor Commission, explained that the intent of the Act was to promote and to monitor reemployment efforts. He said that history has demonstrated that offering reemployment options is cost effective and successful. He suggested possible legislative changes to the Act.

Mr. Don Uchida, Executive Director, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, spoke in support of reauthorizing the Act.

Mr. Paul Rogers, representing the Workers' Compensation Fund, spoke in support of reauthorizing the Act.

Chair VanTassell directed staff to draft legislation amending the Act on the basis of input from interested parties and to bring the draft legislation to a future meeting.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

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

Chair VanTassell adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.