

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**
210 Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex
February 24, 2016

Members Present: Sen. Ann Millner, Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

Members Excused: President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Ms. Allyson Goldstein, Policy Analyst
Ms. Tonya Hadley, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Millner called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m.

H. B. 217 Small School Funding (*Rep. McIff*)

Rep. McIff explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass H.B. 217 143 to the floor with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

S.B. 143 Competency-based Learning Amendments (*Sen. Stephenson*)

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Acting Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education
Ms. Christine Cooke, Education Policy Analyst, Sutherland Institute

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to replace S.B. 143 with 1st Sub. S.B. 143. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass 1st Sub. S.B. 143 to the floor with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Madsen absent.

S.B. 188 Higher Education Capital Facilities (*Sen. Urquhart*)

Sen. Urquhart explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Dave Buehler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education
 Mr. Ken Hansen, Deputy Director, Department of Administrative Service

Sen. Urquhart chose to hold the bill and move to the next agenda item.

H.B. 216 Utah Educational Savings Plan Amendments (*Rep. Barlow*)

Rep. Barlow explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass H.B. 216 to the floor with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to place H.B. 216 on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Sen. Ann Millner, Chair