

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION**

**Seventy-third Session
February 9, 2005**

The Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education was called to order by Chair Maurice E. Washington at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, in Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file at the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Maurice E. Washington, Chair
Senator Barbara K. Cegavske, Vice Chair
Senator Dennis Nolan
Senator Joe Heck
Senator Bernice Mathews
Senator Valerie Wiener
Senator Steven Horsford

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marsheilah D. Lyons, Committee Policy Analyst
Leslie K. Hamner, Committee Counsel
Cynthia Cook, Committee Secretary

CHAIR WASHINGTON:

We will open the organizational meeting of the Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education. I would like to introduce our two new Committee members: Senator Joe Heck and Senator Steven Horsford. Marsheilah Lyons is the Committee Policy Analyst and Leslie Hamner is the Committee Counsel.

You have before you a copy of "Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education, Standing Rules for the 2005 Session" ([Exhibit C](#)). If you do not have any questions, I will entertain a motion to adopt the rules.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO ADOPT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION STANDING RULES FOR THE
2005 SESSION.

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SENATOR MATHEWS:

I have a question about rule 6. What does it mean when it states the Chair shall decide when the Committee takes an action or vote? What happens if I am not here?

CHAIR WASHINGTON:

You will just be counted as absent.

SENATOR HORSFORD:

I serve on two committees where there is a rule that allows a minority opinion to be filed with the Secretary of the Senate if the majority of the committee passes a measure. Is that in these rules?

CHAIR WASHINGTON:

That is not in these rules. Our staff will provide a brief, and you can give an opinion to staff. If you wish to state an objection during the meeting, you can do so, and the secretary will record it.

SENATOR HECK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WASHINGTON:

Ms. Lyons will review the Committee Brief, Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education 73rd Regular Session, dated February 9, 2005 ([Exhibit D](#), original is on file in the Research Library).

MARSHEILAH D. LYONS (Senior Research Analyst):

The Committee deals with a diverse group of issues; the two primary topics being health and human services and education. Additionally, the Committee deals with libraries, museums and historic preservation, public welfare, privileges and benefits of veterans, mental health and mental retardation, public health and safety, protection from fire and explosives, and food and other commodities.

A number of measures that have policy impact on health and human services and education may be referred to other committees. These include items

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concerning managed-care organizations, health care provider licensing and regulation, fiscal issues, professional development for teachers, school construction measures and significant new programs that require State General Fund appropriations.

CHAIR WASHINGTON:

The Committee will also remain apprised of issues concerning K-12 and full-day kindergarten. Are there any questions concerning the brief?

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

It might be helpful to have e-mail addresses for some of the national groups on the list of contacts.

CHAIR WASHINGTON:

There being no other issues before us today, this meeting of the Human Resources and Education Committee will now adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Cynthia Cook,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Maurice E. Washington, Chair

DATE: _____