

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
Room 20, West Office Building  
February 8, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Kay McIff, Chair  
Rep. LaVar Christensen, Vice Chair  
Rep. Fred Cox  
Rep. Brian Doughty  
Rep. Chris Herrod  
Rep. Eric Hutchings  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Brian King  
Rep. Paul Ray  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley  
Rep. Brad Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rep. Derek Brown

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Jerry D. Howe, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Linda Black, Committee Secretary

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

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

H.B. 315 Domestic Violence and Dating Violence Amendments (*Rep. P. Ray*)

Rep. Ray presented the bill to the committee.

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

1. *Page 1, Line 17:*

17 • the parties are emancipated or { ~~18~~ 19 years of age or older;

2. *Page 28, Line 840:*

840 (ii) is { ~~18~~ 19 years of age or older;

The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Herrod and Rep. McIff absent for the vote.

The gavel was passed to Rep. McIff at 4:30 p.m.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ms. Sarah Sutherland, spoke for herself  
Ms. Cherie Rawlings, spoke for herself  
Ms. Dalene England, Utah Eagle Forum

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Stewart Ralphs, Legal Aid Society of Utah  
Mr. Ned Searle, director, Utah Office on Domestic and Sexual  
Violence

**MOTION:** Rep. King moved to pass the bill out favorably, as amended.

**SUBSTITUTE**

**MOTION:** Rep. Hutchings moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda. The substitute motion passed, with Rep. Doughty and Rep. King voting in opposition. Rep. Ivory and Rep. Wilson were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 316 Divorce Waiting Period Amendments** (*Rep. V. Peterson*)

Rep. V. Peterson presented the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ms. Laura Bunker, United Families of Utah  
Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute  
Ms. Lorie Fowlke, attorney  
Ms. Gayle Ruzika, Utah Eagle Forum

Spoke to the bill: Stewart Ralphs, Legal Aid Society of Utah

**MOTION:** Rep. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed, with Rep. Doughty and Rep. Wheatley voting in opposition. Rep. Wilson was absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Herrod moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Wilson absent for the vote.

Chair McIff adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.