

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION**
May 12, 2000 - 9:00 a.m. - Room 405 - State Capitol

Members Present:

Mr. Alan L. Sullivan, Chair
Dr. Jean B. White, Vice Chair
President Lane Beattie
Speaker Martin R. Stephens
Rep. Afton B. Bradshaw
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Howard C. Nielson
Mr. Richard V. Strong
Prof. Kevin Worthen

Members Excused:

Mr. Morris Linton
Justice Christine Durham

Staff Present:

Mr. Jerry D. Howe,
Research Analyst
Mr. Robert H. Rees,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Audrey Wendel,
Legislative Secretary

Members Absent:

Rep. David M. Jones
Mr. Dallin W. Jensen
Mr. W. Craig Jones
Mr. Robin Riggs

Note: A list of others present and copies of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order - Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He informed the commission of a meeting he attended at Rutgers University where issues regarding Constitutional Revision were discussed. He explained that Utah's Constitutional Revision Commission is one of the only commission's of its kind in the United States. He noted that other states report difficulty accomplishing matters this commission handles routinely and he expressed appreciation to the commission for its diligent and optimistic efforts to work together in improving the Utah Constitution.

MOTION: Rep. Bradshaw moved to approve the revised minutes of the November 12, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Bradshaw moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of Resolutions which passed and failed during the 2000 General Session and an Update on Legislative Action Regarding Retention Elections - Mr. Jerry D. Howe, Research Analyst, reviewed the final disposition of resolutions during the 2000 General Session. Mr. Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel, distributed enrolled copies of SJR 8 and SJR 14. He updated the committee on the status of those resolutions.

Mr. Howe briefly explained a letter from the Judiciary Interim Committee to Chief Justice Howe and the Judicial Council regarding retention elections.

3. Article XIII, Revenue and Taxation - Chair Sullivan explained the importance of Article XIII and then turned to Mr. Rees for an explanation of the two draft bills provided in the packet. Mr. Rees discussed the first draft which, he said, repeals excess language while the second draft is an attempt to reorganize and simplify the Article without changing its substance. Mr. Rees distributed a handout titled, "Uniform and Equal" from which he discussed Article XIII, Sections 2 and 3.

Speaker Stephens expressed concern that the original exemptions provided for in the 1896 Constitution remain in the discussion drafts.

4. Article VII, Sec. 8 - Mr. Rees said that the Governor's Office has yet to respond to this issue and explained that a substantive discussion on the issue would be premature at this time.

5. Other Business - Commission Vacancy - Mr. Howe explained that a press release had been distributed seeking applications for the commission vacancy. He said that the commission has retained several resume's of interested individuals on file and that all resume's will be distributed to the subcommittee for its review and recommendation. Speaker Stephens suggested that staff provide information relating to each members' term of office, and political affiliation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 9, 2000 at 12:00 p.m. in room 405.

6. Adjournment -

Motion: Mr. Strong moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.