

**MINUTES OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, November 14, 2000 – 3:00 p.m. – Room 129 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Speaker Martin R. Stephens, Chair  
President Lyle W. Hillyard, Vice-chair  
Sen. Leonard M. Blackham  
Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Sen. Scott N. Howell  
Sen. Millie M. Peterson  
Sen. L. Steven Poulton  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Ralph Becker  
Rep. Greg J. Curtis  
Rep. Kevin S. Garn  
Rep. David M. Jones  
Rep. Brad King

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Paula F. Julander  
Sen. L. Alma Mansell  
Rep. David Ure

**Staff Present:**

Richard V. Strong,  
Director  
M. Gay Taylor,  
General Counsel  
Junie G. Anderson,  
Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of materials are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Stephens called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.
2. **Approval of the October 31, 2000 Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Becker was absent for the vote.

3. **Olympic Reports** – Ms. Natalie Gochnour, Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget, distributed a one-page flow chart titled “Economic, Demographic, and Fiscal Impacts in Utah” showing direct spending of \$2.1 billion, leading to a Net State Revenue of \$56 million. She further distributed a report titled “Economic, Demographic, and Fiscal Impacts in Utah” and discussed the contents using the Executive Summary as the outline for her presentation.

Mr. Lane Beattie, State Olympic Officer, distributed a report titled “Annual Report of the State Olympic Officer Relating to the State Budget Impacts from the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.” He summarized the report by noting that:

- a. Significant investment has been made by both the public and private sector that will enhance the Games.
- b. The projected additional state tax revenues generated from the Games are projected to exceed the cost of Games related state government services by \$56.4 million over the six-year period between 1996 and 2002.

c. As the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) properly sizes the Games within available revenue sources - which it is committed to do - all creditors and equity holders for the Games, including the state, will be repaid.

d. A significant portion of the SLOC budget will provide legacy facilities and venues that should benefit Utah, national, and international athletes as well as sports enthusiasts for years to come.

He further stated that to date, the legislature has appropriated \$1.2 million to the Department of Community and Economic Development. He noted that additional state agency requests for appropriation of state funds are \$12.2 million, bringing the total requested appropriations to \$13.4 million. He also said there is a contingency for state services in the amount of \$10 million to handle unforeseen circumstances.

Chairman Stephens expressed appreciation to the presenters and thanked them for the reports.

**4. Hill Air Force Base Easements Update** – Mr. Earl Maeser, Department of Community and Economic Development, reported on the status of Hill Air Force Base property acquisitions. He noted that there are still 11 properties in question.

**5. Carlson Settlement** – Mr. Kent Walgren, Assistant Attorney General representing the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), distributed a memorandum addressed to Mr. Gary Doxey and the Utah Legislative Management Committee, “RE: Request for Approval of Settlement Agreement in UDOT v. Michael M. Carlson, Third Judicial District Civil No. 970903264 CD.” He reported that the settlement agreement has the approval of UDOT and the Governor’s Office. Ms. Gay Taylor, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, recommended approval.

**MOTION:** President Hillyard moved to approve the settlement memorandum. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Poulton, and Rep. Arent absent for the vote.

**6. Capitol Preservation Board Presentation** – Mr. David Hart and Rep. Ray Short of the Capitol Preservation Board gave a presentation titled “Utah State Capitol Renovation.” They distributed copies of the presentation and reported on the renovation plans. Rep. Short noted that option E had been selected and that the issue of \$38 million in funding will be brought to the 2001 General Session.

**7. Radioactive Waste Permit Status** – Ms. Dianne Nielson, Department of Environmental Quality, said there has been a great deal of effort to meet the deadlines in processing the B and C license application of Envirocare. She stated that her department will continue to work as quickly as possible, but emphasized that the process cannot be short-circuited.

Mr. Bill Sinclair, Division of Radiation Control, distributed a handout titled "Division of Radiation Control – Envirocare B and C License" and discussed the contents. He highlighted the five-task process and noted the application is at "P" in task three. He indicated that the application will probably be ready for action by the governor and legislature some time in April of 2001.

**8. Commuter Rail Project Report** – Ms. Kathryn Pett, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), distributed a map titled "Lines of Interest – Union Pacific Railroad Company." She also distributed a handout titled "Notes to the Regional Rail Corridor Acquisition Proposal." She briefed the committee on discussions between UTA and Union Pacific Railroad.

Ms. Pett said the three issues to be resolved in order to make commuter rail a reality along the Wasatch Front are:

- a. the corridor preservation/acquisition (this is underway with appraisals pending and preliminary environmental work underway),
- b. the capital funding necessary to make the capital improvements required (this has a federal funds match of 80/20), and
- c. the operational funding (with voter approval in Weber, Davis, and Salt Lake Counties, this is satisfied).

Ms. Pett noted that it was originally anticipated that UTA would enter into an agreement to share existing tracks with Union Pacific, but Union Pacific will only allow a shared corridor situation; therefore, UTA must build a third track which will cause costs to go up accordingly. She said that she has asked for appraisals and environmental impact information on all parts of the line, and that all of this information should be available during the General Session (approximately the third week of February).

Mr. Byron Parker, UDOT, emphasized Union Pacific's position of a shared corridor, but not shared track. He also discussed options for design/build for the tracks.

**9. Sunset Reauthorizations** – Ms. Taylor discussed sunset reauthorizations as outlined in a document titled "Sunset Act - Acts of Entities that are Scheduled for Repeal in 2001 and January 1, 2002," which was mailed to committee members prior to the meeting, and would be discussed in the Government Operations Interim Committee the next day.

Rep. Becker noted that he had made a motion to extend the sunset date for the Energy Saving Systems Tax Credits in the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee.

Chairman Stephens suggested that Rep. Becker open his own bill file to extend those dates or simply amend the sunset bill in the 2001 General Session rather than take any action on this issue at this time.

**10. Quasi-governmental Entities Committee Report** – Mr. Strong distributed a letter from the Chairs of the Quasi-governmental Entities Committee providing background and a report on the activities of the committee during the 2000 interim.

**11. Tax Review Commission Meeting Request** – President Hillyard reviewed the letter from the Commission and stated that he wanted authorization for staff involvement as well.

**MOTION:** President Hillyard moved to approve an additional meeting of the Tax Review Commission with staff involvement before the General Session begins. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Dmitrich and Rep. Jones absent for the vote.

**12. Bill Browser for State Agencies** – Mr. Jonathan Ball of the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, representing the Legislative Automation Committee (LAC), said LAC has approved a new software package developed by Greg Johnson of the Senate, for tracking legislative information and bills. Mr. Ball outlined three options:

- a. To offer the bill browser only to legislators and staff.
- b. To offer the bill browser to legislators, staff, and state government employees.
- c. To offer the bill browser to anyone with Internet access.

Mr. Ball said that Information Technology Services has agreed to provide support at no additional cost to the state for any of these options.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to approve option (c), to provide free access to the public. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Dmitrich and Rep. Jones absent for the vote.

**13. 2001 Site Visit Report** – Mr. Mark Bleazard of the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, distributed a handout regarding possible site visits for the appropriations subcommittees.

**MOTION:** Sen. Peterson moved to allow each appropriations subcommittee to arrange its own site visit for 2001, with authorization of up to two days salary, per diem, lodging, and expenses. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Dmitrich and Rep. Jones absent for the vote.

**14. Items from Legislative Process Committee** –

**a. Set Asides for Small Projects and Improvements** – Sen. Leonard Blackham, Co-Chair of the Legislative Process Committee, reviewed the committee’s recommendation that a certain amount of money for small appropriation requests be set aside at the beginning of the 2001 General Session. Sen. Peterson expressed concern about the proposal. Chairman Stephens suggested taking this issue under advisement and revisiting it during the General Session.

**b. Media Brochure and Training** – No discussion.

**c. Legislative Review Notes** – No discussion.

**d. Natural Resources and Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee** – No discussion.

**15. Native American Legislative Liaison Committee Request** – Mr. Strong distributed a letter from the Chairs of the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee in which the Chairs requested authorization to hold an additional meeting of the committee in December.

**MOTION:** Sen. Blackham moved approval of the request. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Dmitrich and Rep. Jones absent for the vote.

**16. Other Business** – None

**17. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Sen. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Dmitrich and Rep. Jones absent for the vote.

