

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 18, 2001 - 9:00 a.m. S Room 414/416 State Capitol**

Members Present:

Sen. John W. Hickman, Chair
Rep. Craig W. Buttars, Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Millie M. Peterson
Rep. Eli H. Anderson
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
Rep. Don E. Bush
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Peggy Wallace
Rep. Bradley A. Winn

Members Absent:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Al Mansell

Staff Present:

Mr. John Q. Cannon, Research Analyst
Mr. John L. Fellows, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Alicia Gambles, Legislative Secretary

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Hickman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. 2001 General Session Review

Mr. John Cannon, Research Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, reported on Government Operations related legislation passed during the 2001 General Session. He explained that more than 300 sections of the Utah Code were repealed during the session as a result of bills recommended by the interim committee last year. He also discussed the disposition of committee bills from the 2000 interim. Committee discussion followed.

4. Utah Seismic Safety Commission Report

Mr. John Fellows, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, discussed the Utah Seismic Safety Commission's makeup and responsibilities. He noted that the commission's main focus is to review earthquake related hazards in the state of Utah and to make recommendations to identify and mitigate those risks. Committee discussion followed.

Mr. Barry Welliver, Structural Engineers Association of Utah, Utah Seismic Safety Commission, reported on the primary concern of the commission to provide education to communities on the earthquake hazards and risks in Utah. He also discussed the commission's priorities for the future. He distributed a booklet "Earthquake Safety in Utah." Committee discussion followed.

5. Statutory Responsibilities of the Government Operations Interim Committee

Mr. Fellows outlined the sections of the Utah Code and agencies of Utah state government for which the committee has primary responsibility. Committee discussion followed.

6. Presentation, Discussion, and Prioritization of Potential Study Items

Mr. Cannon discussed potential study items of the committee for the 2001 interim. The study items discussed for possible prioritization include: election law reform, boards and commissions, government facilities construction and management, and ethics, campaign finance, and lobbyist disclosure. Committee discussion followed.

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.