

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 20, 2001 8:00 a.m. S Room 405 State Capitol**

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Al Mansell
Rep. Ron Bigelow

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 8:20 a.m.

2. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Bush moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2001 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Allen absent for the vote.

3. Special Session Legislation Discussion - Cornell Settlement

Sen. Gladwell discussed S.J.R. 101, "Resolution Approving Settlement for Private Prison." He indicated that the state may face litigation if they do not settle this issue. Committee discussion followed.

Ms. Raylene Ireland, Director, Department of Administrative Services, gave an overview on the settlement issue and indicated her comments were for purposes of the settlement only. She indicated that the resolution authorizes a settlement of \$1.57 million, originating from the cancellation of the privatized prison project in Grantsville, Tooele County. She stated that the department created a team to conduct the settlement process and resolve the issue. Ms. Ireland stated that the department believes that S.J.R. 101 is the best resolution available and asked for committee endorsement. Committee discussion followed.

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to recommend S.J.R. 101, "Resolution Approving Settlement for Private Prison." The motion passed with Rep. Hansen and Rep. Hendrickson voting in opposition and Sen. Allen absent for the vote.

4. One-Stop Shopping Vehicle Registration

Mr. David Creer, Executive Director, Utah Trucking Association, introduced the issue of one-stop shopping for commercial vehicle registration in Utah. He indicated that "one-stop shopping" refers to government agencies coming together to make the registration process easier. He suggested creating a task force to review the registration process and find a solution that would benefit all parties, including the possibility of electronic solutions.

Mr. Don Ipsom, President, Utah Trucking Association, discussed the process of registering trucks and issuing oversized permits in the state. He indicated that the association has a good relationship with the different departments which will help them to pursue the issue and find a solution. Committee discussion followed.

Mr. Rodney Marrelli, Executive Director, Tax Commission, stated that the commission supports the idea and welcomes a review of the issue.

Mr. Rick Clasby, Administrator, Motor Carrier Division, Utah Department of Transportation, stated that the department supports the concept of one-stop shopping and has provided services electronically. Committee discussion followed.

Rep. Buttars inquired if legislation would be required to make these changes. Mr. Marrelli stated that it probably did not require legislation.

Chair Hickman asked all parties involved to put a time line together indicating how and when the process can be accomplished and to report back to the committee with recommendations so the committee can determine whether legislation or appropriations are needed.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved that the interested parties compile a time line for resolving this issue and report back to the committee at its September meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Special Session Legislation Discussion - Commerce Fees

Rep. Alexander presented H.B. 1004, "Department of Commerce - Fee Approval." He indicated that the legislation is necessary because these fees were left out of the Appropriations Act during the 2001 General Session because of a clerical error. Committee discussion followed.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to recommend H.B. 1004, "Department of Commerce - Fee Approval." The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

