

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, April 24, 2002 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 405 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. John W. Hickman, Senate Chair
Rep. Craig W. Buttars, House Chair
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
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. Bradley A. Winn
Rep. Peggy Wallace

Members Absent:

Sen. Ron Allen
President Al Mansell

Staff Present:

Mr. John Q. Cannon, Research Analyst
Mr. Benjamin Christensen, Research Analyst
Ms. Cassandra N. Bauman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or contact the committee secretary at 538-1032.

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Chair Buttars called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2002 meeting. The motion passed with Rep. Bush absent for the vote.

2. 2002 General Session Review

Mr. Cannon explained the information distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. He stated that all the bills adopted by the Committee during the 2001 Interim passed during the 2002 General Session. He stated that a list of bills passed concerning government operations was included for the Committee to review for information purposes and for possible study. Committee discussion followed.

3. Election Law Issues

This item was not discussed.

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

Mr. Cannon distributed a list of potential study items for the 2002 Interim for the Committee to rank in order of importance for study. He explained the issues assigned by the Legislative Management Committee to the Government Operations Interim Committee as well as statutory and other recommended issues that the Government Operations Interim Committee may consider for prioritization during the 2002 Interim.

Sen. Hillyard indicated that the Committee should consider studying governmental immunity issues.

Sen. Peterson requested that the Committee add general ethical issues to the list for prioritization.

Sen. Hickman explained that the Committee discussed the licensing of commercial vehicles during the 2001 Interim involving the Department of Transportation and the Utah State Tax Commission. He requested that the Committee add to the study the Department of Environmental Quality, as a continued study of state department functions. Rep. Hendrickson also suggested studying an issue related to the Department of Transportation.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved that staff work with the chairs in reviewing boards and commissions and that the chairs be authorized to report back to the Committee with up to five boards or commissions that might be studied in the 2002 Interim. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee members ranked priority items for the 2002 Interim.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Buttars adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.