

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, April 16, 2003 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 405 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. John W. Hickman, Senate Chair
Rep. James A. Ferrin, House Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Beverly Evans
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Rep. Doug Aagard
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
Rep. Don E. Bush
Rep. Eric Hutchings
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson

Rep. Roz McGee
Rep. Karen Morgan
Rep. Loraine Pace
Rep. Peggy Wallace

Members Absent:
President Al Mansell

Staff Present:

Mr. John Q. Cannon, Policy Analyst
Mr. John L. Fellows, Associate General Counsel
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 by contacting the committee secretary at 538-1032.

1. Committee Business

Chair Hickman called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Bush moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2002 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Waddoups, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. Morgan, and Rep. Pace absent for the vote.

2. Government Operations Committee

Mr. John Cannon discussed committee responsibilities, committee bills, and potential study items for the 2003 Interim. Chair Hickman requested input from committee members on interim study items.

3. Election Reform

Mr. Cannon introduced the issue.

Lieutenant Governor Olene S. Walker, State of Utah, discussed the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and the Utah State Plan on Election Reform. Committee discussion followed.

4. State Regulation of Waste

Chair Hickman introduced the issue.

Ms. Diane Nielson, Executive Director, DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality), Mr. Bill Sinclair, Director, Division of Radiation Control, DEQ, and Mr. Brent Bradford, Deputy Director, DEQ, addressed the issue.

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Committee discussion followed.

Ms. Claire Geddes, Utah Legislative Watch, Mr. Charles Judd, Cedar Mountain Environmental, and Mr. Marshal Urban, Chief Financial Officer, EnviroCare, commented.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Hickman adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.