

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**  
Friday, February 4, 2005 – 12:00 noon – Room W110 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair  
Sen. Patrice M. Arent  
Sen. Lyle Hillyard  
Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Sen. David L. Thomas  
Sen. Michael G. Waddoups

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Jerry D. Howe, Policy Analyst  
Ms. M. Gay Taylor, General Counsel  
Ms. Cassandra N. Bauman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of related materials can be found at [www.leg.utah.gov](http://www.leg.utah.gov) or by contacting the committee secretary, Cassandra Bauman, at 538-1032. A recording of the meeting is available from the committee secretary.

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Buttars called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to close the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Waddoups absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to open the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Interview of Mr. Robert W. Adkins**

Mr. Robert W. Adkins was placed under oath.

Mr. Adkins introduced himself as well as his family and friends to the Committee. He explained the difficult decisions he has faced as Summit County District Attorney, including whether or not to prosecute certain cases.

Mr. D. Frank Wilkins was placed under oath.

Mr. Wilkins spoke in favor of the confirmation of Mr. Adkins as a district court judge.

Dr. E. Barry Topham was placed under oath.

Dr. Topham expressed concern that Mr. Adkins did not charge the individual who caused the death of his daughter, Susannah, with negligent homicide, or any other crime.

Ms. Catherine Rebecca Taylor was placed under oath.

Ms. Taylor expressed concern that Mr. Adkins declined to prosecute certain cases of domestic violence, including her personal case.

Mr. Roger A. Livingston was placed under oath.

Mr. Livingston spoke in favor of the confirmation of Mr. Adkins.

Ms. Deborah L. Connor was placed under oath.

Ms. Connor spoke against the confirmation of Mr. Adkins.

Ms. Jean A. Edens was placed under oath.

Ms. Edens, Director, Summit County Victims Advocate Program, explained Mr. Adkins involvement in domestic violence cases, has been exemplary, and stated that Mr. Adkins' decisions are both ethically and legally sound.

### **3. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Hillyard moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Buttars adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.