

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 405, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
February 13, 1998**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Jordan Tanner, Chair
 Rep. Joseph G. Murray, Vice Chair
 Rep. Trisha Beck
 Rep. Afton B. Bradshaw
 Rep. Perry L. Buckner
 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
 Rep. Bryan D. Holladay
 Rep. Lowell A. Nelson
 Rep. Martin R. Stephens
 Rep. David L. Zolman

STAFF PRESENT: John Cannon, Research Analyst
 Jennifer Lloyd, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: list of visitors on file

Rep. Tanner called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.

MOTION: Rep. Zolman moved to approve the minutes for February 11, 1998. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson, Stephens, and Murray absent for the vote.

1. H.B. 421 REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL FEES AND COSTS TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEEES-Rep. Styler

Rep. Styler introduced and explained the intent of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Bradshaw moved to adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 421, Reimbursement of Legal Fees and Costs to Officers and Employees. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson, Holladay, and Stephens absent for the vote.

Ken Brown, Criminal Defense Lawyer, spoke for the bill.

Phillip Dyer, General Counsel, Utah Public Employee's Association, spoke for the bill.

JoAnn Stringham, Uintah County Attorney, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Buckner moved to adopt the following amendments:

1. Page 1, Line 24: Reinstate "shall be entitled to" and delete "may"

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson, Holladay, and Stephens absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Bradshaw moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Stephens absent for the vote.

2. H.B. 444 PRIVATIZATION OF QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES-Rep. Adair

Rep. Adair introduced and explained the intent of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Nelson, moved to adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 444, Privatization of Quasi-Governmental Entities. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bradshaw and Stephens absent for the vote.

Claire Geddes, United We Stand, spoke to the bill.

Betsy Ross, State Auditor's Office, spoke to the bill.

Larry Bunkall, Utah Manufacturer's Association, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stephens moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Zolman voting against it.

3. S.B. 120S1 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT-Sen. Nielson

Sen. Nielson introduced and explained the intent of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Beck moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Zolman and Stephens absent for the vote.

4. H.B. 33 TASK FORCE REVIEWING FEDERAL FUNDING-Sen. Mulestein

Sen. Mulestein introduced and explained the intent of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Buckner moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Stephens and Zolman absent for the vote.

5. S.B. 44 APPROPRIATION FOR A SITE FOR URBAN INDIAN PROGRAMS

Sen. Suazo

Sen. Suazo introduced and explained the intent of the bill.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Roland McCook, Chairman of Utah Tribal Leaders and Ute Tribe Business
Committee

Gail Russell, Director of Indian Walk In Center

Beverly Fenton, University of Utah

Judy Edwards, Department of Health

MOTION: Rep. Beck moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Stephens absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Buckner moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Stephens absent for the vote.

Rep. Jordan Tanner, Chair