

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES & TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 223 - State Capitol Building**

Tuesday, January 20, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Beverly Ann Evans, Chair
Rep. Dennis H. Iverson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Ralph Becker
Rep. Orville Carnahan
Rep. Gary F. Cox
Rep. Christine R. Fox-Finlinson
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow
Rep. Thomas Hatch
Rep. J. Brent Haymond
Rep. Swen C. Nielsen
Rep. Martin R. Stephens

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. David M. Jones

STAFF: Richard North, Research Analyst
Ann Bushman, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: List of visitors on file

Vice-Chair Iverson called the meeting to order at 2:15.

H.B. 180 **Extension of Gas Service Territories** - Rep. Thomas Hatch

Rep. Hatch introduced the bill with the assistance of Alan Allred , Questar.

Speaking to the bill was Harold Randquist, Intermountain Municipal Gas Association.

Speaking against the bill were Claire Geddes, United We Stand; Mark Harris, Utah Propane Gas Association; Keith Hanchett P.E.R.S.-Utah Propane; and Doug Hyer, Jardine Petroleum.

MOTION: Rep. Evans moved that the bill be passed out favorably.

The motion passed with Reps. Becker and Stephens voting in opposition, and Rep. Cox absent for the vote.

H.B. 37 **Purchase of Telecommunications Service** - Rep. Beverly Ann Evans

Rep. Evans introduced the bill.

Speaking to the bill were Kevin Taylor, US WEST and John Schaff, Legislative Auditor General's Office.

Speaking for the bill were Jerry Finn, Attorney - Exchange Carriers of Utah and Ken Sanders.

Speaking against the bill were Raylene Ireland, Department of Administrative Services and Dave Moon, Chief Information Officer - Utah.

MOTION: Rep. Stephens moved that the bill be passed out favorably.

MOTION: Rep. Stephens moved that the bill be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 11: After the word "agency" insert "without impairing the interoperability of the states telecommunication services."

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hatch moved that the bill be passed out favorably as amended.

MOTION: Rep. Becker moved that the bill be amended as follows:

2. Page 2, Line 7: After the word "agencies" insert ", after consultation with the Department of Administrative Services."

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hatch moved that the bill be passed out favorably as amended.

The motion passed with Rep. Nielsen voting in opposition. Rep. Cox was absent for the vote.

H.B. 185 **Telecommunications Legislative Committee** - Rep. Beverly Ann Evans

Rep. Evans introduced the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Stephens moved that the bill be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 8: After the word “including:” insert
“(a) proactive ways that the state may encourage competition in telecommunication services;”
“(b) current barriers to competition in telecommunications services in the state of Utah.”

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Haymond made a motion to amend as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 8: After the word “including:” insert
“(a) proactive ways that the state may encourage competition in telecommunication services;”
“(b) current barriers to competition in telecommunications services in the state of Utah.”
2. Page 2, Lines 9 & 10: Delete lines 9 and 10.
3. Page 2, Line 12: Delete line 12.

Substitute motion failed with Rep. Haymond voting in favor.

The original motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 7 **Resolution on Restructuring of Electrical Industry**
- Rep. Beverly Ann Evans

Rep. Evans introduced the resolution.

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

MOTION: Rep. Hatch moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Fox-Finlinson and Stephens absent for the vote.

H.B. 185 **Telecommunications Legislative Committee** - Rep. Beverly Ann Evans

MOTION: Rep. Becker made a motion to reconsider H.B. 185.
The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Evans moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, Line 15: After "November 30," delete "1999" and insert "1998"
The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Haymond moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended.
The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hatch moved that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Rep. Beverly Ann Evans, Chair