

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE REVENUE AND TAXATION STANDING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 1998
ROOM 416, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. Howard Nielson, Chair
 Sen. Mike Dmitrich
 Sen. Lyle Hillyard
 Sen. George Mantes
 Sen. Robert Montgomery
 Sen. Steven Poulton
 Sen. Howard Stephenson
 Sen. Michael Waddoups

Members Excused: Sen. Leonard Blackham

Staff Present: Bryant Howe, Research Analyst
 Nadine Woodhead, Secretary

List of Others Present on File:

Chair Nielson called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Mantes moved to approve the minutes of Feb. 6, 1998.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Montgomery and Stephenson absent for the vote.

1. **SB 151 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS** (*C. Peterson*)

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to adopt SB 151 2nd Sub.

The motion passed with Sens. Montgomery and Stephenson absent for the vote.

Kenneth B. Wright, Disabled American Veterans, and Sanford Beshear, Veterans of Foreign Wars, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Poulton moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

2. **SB 31 SALES TAX ON FOOD AMENDMENTS** (S. Howell)

Sen. Waddoups, who is co-sponsor of the bill, asked for public testimony.

Kyle Paisley, National Advocate for Young American Families, Jim Olsen, Utah Food Industry Assn., and Whitney Rearick, Utah Issues, spoke in favor of the bill.

Greg Fredde, Utah Taxpayers Assn., spoke to the bill.

Susan Kuziak, Utah Education Assn., spoke against the bill.

Sen. Howell read a letter from the Navajo Nation in favor of the bill.

There was not a quorum available to vote, so Chair Nielson asked to hear SB 80.

3. **SB 80 RECODIFICATION OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS** (R. Evans)

Sen. Evans presented the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Montgomery moved to adopt SB 80 1st Sub.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Hillyard, Poulton and Stephenson absent for the vote.

SB 31 SALES TAX ON FOOD AMENDMENTS (Sen. Howell)

MOTION: Sen. Waddoups moved to pass SB 31 1st S with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Hillyard, Poulton and Stephenson absent for the vote.

SB 80 1ST S RECODIFICATION OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS (Sen. Evans)

Bob Reese, Office of Legislative Research and Fiscal Analysts, Jan Furner, Utah Assn. Special Districts, and Kurt Bower, State Auditors Office, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dmitrich moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sens. Hillyard, Poulton and Montgomery absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Dmitrich moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Sen. Howard Nielson
Committee Chair