

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 16, 2000, 8:00 A.M.  
ROOM 403, STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. Michael G. Waddoups, Chair  
President Lane Beattie  
Sen. Peter Knudson  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Sen. Paula Julander  
Sen. Ed Mayne

Members Excused: Sen. Mont Evans  
Sen. David Steele

Staff Present: Benjamin N. Christensen, Research Analyst  
Karen Allred, Secretary  
Dee S Larson, Associate General Counsel

Public Presenters: Craig Peterson, C.A. Peterson Consulting  
Meredith Alden, Division of Mental Health  
Brian Miller, Division of Mental Health  
Mike Wims, Assistant Attorney General  
Winton Clark Aposhian, Utah Self Defense Instructors Network  
Scott Steffensen  
Brian Judy, National Rifle Association  
Vicki Cotrell, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill  
Elwood Powell  
Terry Trease  
Mike Lund  
Michael Sibbett, State Board of Pardons  
Wayne B. Shepherd, Utah Law Enforcement  
John A. Harja, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget  
Rob Thompson, Legal Counsel, Ute Indian Tribe  
Sarah Thompson, Utah Guns  
William Nash, Utahns Against Gun Violence

List of Others Present on File:

Committee Chair Waddoups called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2000.

The motion passed unanimously.

1. **S.B. 176 Highway Improvement Funding** (*L. Beattie*)

President Beattie explained the bill.

Craig Peterson, C.A. Peterson Consulting, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **S.B. 200 Mental Health Commitment Amendments** (*R. Montgomery*)

Meredith Alden, Division of Mental Health, presented the bill and handouts were distributed.

Brian Miller, Division of Mental Health; Mike Wims, Assistant Attorney General; Vicki Cotrell, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; Michael Sibbett, State Board of Pardons; and Wayne B. Shepherd, Utah Law Enforcement, spoke in favor of the bill.

Winton Clark Aposhian, Utah Self Defense Instructors Network; Scott Steffensen; Brian Judy, National Rifle Association; Elwood Powell; Terry Trease; and Mike Lund, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed, with Sens. Knudson, Hale and Julander voting in favor, Sens. Waddoups and Mayne voting in opposition, and Pres. Beattie absent for the vote.

3. **S.B. 213 Motor and Special Fuel Tax - Application to the Uintah and Ouray Reservation** (*B. Evans*)

Senator Evans explained the bill.

John A. Harja, Governor's Office of Budget and Planning; and Rob Thompson, Legal Counsel, Ute Tribe, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously, with Pres. Beattie absent for the vote.

4. **H.B. 199 Limits on Gun Manufacturer's Liability** (*Throckmorton*)

Rep. Throckmorton explained the bill.

Brian Judy, National Rifle Association; Winton Clark Aposhian, Utah Self Defense Instructors Network; Scott Steffensen; and Sarah Thompson, Utah Guns, spoke in favor of the bill.

William Nash, Utahns Against Gun Violence, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed, with Sens. Waddoups, Knudson, and Mayne voting in favor of the bill, and Sens. Hale and Julander voting in opposition, and Pres. Beattie absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously at 9:35 a.m., with Pres. Beattie absent for the vote.

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Sen. Michael G. Waddoups  
Committee Chair