

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOV. OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 4, 2003, 8:00 A.M.  
ROOM 403, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. Carlene M. Walker, Chair

Sen. Beverly Ann Evans Sen. Patrice Arent  
Sen. Dan Eastman  
Sen. Beverly Evans  
Sen. Karen Hale

Members Excused: Sen. Bill Hickman  
Sen. Peter Knudson

Staff Present: Richard North, Policy Analyst  
Nadine Woodhead, Secretary

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to approve the minutes of January 31, 2003.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Evans absent for the vote.

**1. S. B. 129 State and Local Agencies Criteria in Awarding Bills (J. Evans)**

Sen. Evans explained the bill.

Ken Nye, State Division of Facilities and Construction Management, spoke to the bill.

Todd Bingham, President, Associated Builders and Contractors; John Njord, Utah Department of Transportation; Arnold West, General Contractor, Arnell-West Incorporated; Rich Thorn, President, Associated General Contractors, and Dave Wilson, Utah Building Trades, spoke against the bill.

Jim Paull, Sheet-metal Contractors of Utah; Clyde Rydalch, President, National Electrical Contractors Association, and Bill Tibbitts, Attorney, Crossroads Urban Center, spoke for the bill.

Sen. J. Evans proposed the following amendment:

1. Page 2, Line 47: After "costing" delete "\$100,000" and insert "\$250,000"
2. Page 2, Line 54: After "costing" delete "\$100,000" and insert "\$250,000"
3. Page 3, Line 63: After "costing" delete "\$100,000" and insert "\$250,000"

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to adopt the amendment.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Eastman moved to amend as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 47: After "costing" delete "\$100,000 and insert "\$500,000"
2. Page 2, Line 54: After "costing" delete "\$100,000 and insert "\$500,000"
3. Page 3, Line 63: After "costing" delete "\$100,000 and insert "\$500,000"

The bill was held with no vote.

**2. S. B. 56 Waiver of Governmental Immunity by Governmental Entities (J. Evans)**

Sen. Evans explained the bill.

Phillip Gonzales, Citizen, spoke for the bill. Brent Burnett, Utah Attorney General Office, spoke to the bill.

Sen. J. Evans requested to hold the bill until a fiscal note is attached.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to hold the bill.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Beverly Evans assumed the chair.

**3. H. B. 62 Emergency Response Costs (B. Goodfellow)**

Rep. Goodfellow explained the bill.

Kal Farr, Law Enforcement Legislative Committee; Ken McGuire, Chief of Police, West Jordan City; Jodi Hoffman, Utah League of Cities and Towns, and Bonnie Fernandez, Citizen; spoke for the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Walker absent for the vote.

**4. H. B. 187 Campaign Contribution Restrictions (N. Hansen)**

Rep. Hansen explained the bill.

Gary Doxey, General Counsel, Governor, spoke against the bill. Cassie Dippo, Common Cause, spoke for the bill.

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

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Eastman moved to hold the bill for further study.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Walker absent for the vote.

5. **H. B. 82 Initiatives - One Subject Requirement** (*J. M. Philpot*)

The bill was held at request of the sponsor.

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

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Walker absent for the vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Sen. Carlene Walker, Committee Chair

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