

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 405, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
February 16, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT:      Rep. James A. Ferrin, Chair  
                                 Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Vice Chair  
                                 Rep. DeMar “Bud” Bowman  
                                 Rep. Don E. Bush  
                                 Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
                                 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
                                 Rep. Roz McGee  
                                 Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
                                 Rep. Loraine T. Pace

MEMBERS ABSENT:      Rep. Doug Aagard  
                                 Rep. Ron Bigelow

STAFF PRESENT:        John Cannon, Managing Policy Analyst  
                                 Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

**Note:**    A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Hutchings called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION:    Rep. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2004 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson and Rep. Pace absent for the vote.

**H.B. 293      Repeal of National Guard Efficiency Boards (*Rep. J. Ferrin*)**

Rep. Ferrin introduced H.B. 293 and explained it to the committee.

MOTION:    Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson and Rep. Pace absent for the vote.

MOTION:    Rep. Newbold moved to place H.B. 293 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson and Rep. Pace absent for the vote.

**H.B. 142      Audit Requirements for Political Subdivisions (*Rep. B. Ferry*)**

Rep. Ferry introduced H.B. 142 and explained it to the committee. He furnished a handout to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Auston Johnson, State Auditor  
Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties  
Reinhard Haidenthaller, Precinct Chair, Precinct 3448, West Jordan

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Pace and Rep. Ferrin absent for the vote.

**H.B. 290 State Employee Compensation Study Task Force (Rep. M. Newbold)**

Rep. Newbold introduced H.B. 290 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Con Whipple, Department of Human Resource Management

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

**SUBSTITUTE**

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

*1. Page 2, Lines 32 through 44:*

- 32 (1) There is created the State Employee Compensation Study Task Force consisting  
33 of  
34 the following 15 members ~~[[, including 12 voting members and three nonvoting~~  
35 ~~members]]~~ ;  
36 (a) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more  
37 than  
38 three of whom may be from the same political party ~~[[, as voting members]]~~ ;  
39 (b) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
40 House of Representatives, no more than four of whom may be from the same political  
41 party ~~[[, as~~  
42 ~~voting members]]~~ ;  
43 (c) the executive director of the Department of Human Resource Management or a  
44 designee ~~[[, as a nonvoting member]]~~ ;  
45 (d) the executive director of the Utah State Retirement Office or a designee ~~[[, as~~  
46 ~~a~~  
47 ~~nonvoting member]]~~ ; and  
48 (e) the director of the Public Employee Health Plan or a designee ~~[[, as a~~  
49 ~~nonvoting~~  
50 ~~member]]~~ .

The motion to amend the bill failed with Rep. McGee voting in favor of the motion.

The original motion to pass the bill out favorably passed unanimously.

Rep. Hutchings recessed the meeting for five minutes.

The committee reconvened at 8:59 a.m.

Reinhard Haidenthaller, Precinct Chair, Precinct 3448, addressed the committee.

**1st Sub. S.B. 134      Governor's Commission for Women and Families (*Sen. C. Walker*)**

Sen. Walker introduced 1st Sub. S.B. 134 and explained it to the committee.

MOTION:      Rep. Hendrickson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. McGee voting in opposition to the motion.

MOTION:      Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

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Rep. James A. Ferrin, Chair