

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM W010, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Douglas C. Aagard, Chair
 Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Vice Chair
 Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
 Rep. Craig W. Buttars
 Rep. Neil A. Hansen
 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
 Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
 Rep. John G. Mathis
 Rep. Aaron Tilton
 Rep. Mark Wheatley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Stephen D. Clark

STAFF PRESENT: John Cannon, Managing Policy Analyst
 Eric Weeks, Associate General Counsel
 Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Hutchings, and Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

H.B. 369 Lobbyist Regulation (*Rep. J. Ferrin*)

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to amend H.B. 369 as follows:

1. Page 1, Lines 13 through 14:

- 13 ▶ enacts the Lobbying Restrictions Act, which prohibits certain elected and
 appointed
14 government officials from acting as a lobbyist for ~~{two years}~~ one year after
 leaving office; and

2. Page 4, Lines 102 through 104:

- 102 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a former state official may not become a
103 lobbyist or engage in lobbying activities for ~~{two calendar years}~~ one calendar

104 year , beginning on the date the state
official leaves office and ending on the {~~two-year~~} one-year anniversary of that
date.

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Hutchings, and Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

Rep. Ferrin introduced H.B. 369 as amended and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Wallace McCormick, WARN Utah

Spoke in favor of the bill: Phillip Montano, citizen
Sandy Peck, League of Women Voters (handout)
Michael Reese, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to pass H.B. 369 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hendrickson, and Rep. Wheatley voting in opposition. Rep. Buttars was absent for the vote.

H.B. 340 Office of Recovery Services Fee (Rep. A. Tilton)

Rep. Tilton introduced H.B. 340 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Emma Chacon, Office of Recovery Services

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

H.B. 330 Driver License Qualifications Amendments (Rep. G. Donnelson)

Rep. Donnelson introduced H.B. 330 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Travis Woodward, citizen (handout)
Thom Clark, Save America
Barry Hatch, Save America

Spoke to the bill: Judy Hamaker-Mann, Director, Driver License Division

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Robert Gallegos, RAZ PAC
James Yapias, RAZ PAC
Daniel Advincula, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Wheatley moved to return the bill to the Rules Committee for interim study.

Shannon Halverson, Associate General Counsel, responded to questions of committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to call the question. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bowman absent for the vote.

The motion to return the bill to the Rules Committee passed with Rep. Mathis voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Bowman was absent for the vote.

S.B. 58S1 Liability Protection of Educators (Sen. H. Stephenson)

Sen. Stephenson introduced S.B. 58 and explained it to the committee and provided a handout to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 58 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bowman and Rep. Tilton absent for the vote.

S.B. 141 Military Installation Partnerships (Sen. S. Killpack)

Sen. Killpack introduced S.B. 141 and explained it to the committee. He was assisted by Rick Mayfield, Executive Director, Utah Defense Alliance, who distributed a handout to committee members.

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

S.B. 148 Conservation Easement Endowment Restricted Account (Sen. B. Evans)

Sen. Evans introduced S.B. 148 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Becky Simmons, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bowman and Rep. Tilton absent for the vote.

S.B. 163 Capitol Preservation Board Amendments (Sen. B. Evans)

Sen. Evans introduced S.B. 163 and explained it to the committee.

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

S.B. 149S1 Pete Suazo Athletic Commission Amendments (*Sen. E. Mayne*)

Sen. Dmitrich introduced S.B. 149 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Chris Parker, Associate General Counsel

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 149 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bowman, Rep. Buttars, and Rep. Tilton absent for the vote.

S.J.R. 11 Resolution Limiting Number of Governor's Terms (*Sen. C. Walker*)

Sen. Walker introduced S.J.R. 11 and explained it to the committee, assisted by Mike Mower, Governor's Office.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Hansen voting in opposition to the motion and Rep. Bowman absent for the vote

S.C.R. 10 Concurrent Resolution Honoring Utah Foundation (*Sen. L. A. Mansell*)

S.C.R. 10 was not considered.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bowman absent for the vote.

Rep. Hughes adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.