

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM W135, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

February 23, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Joseph G. Murray, Chair
 Rep. J. Stuart Adams, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
 Rep. Bradley M. Daw
 Rep. Brad Dee
 Rep. John Dougall
 Rep. Julie Fisher
 Rep. Kerry W. Gibson
 Rep. Brad King
 Rep. Peggy Wallace
 Rep. Larry B. Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Jeff Alexander
 Rep. David Clark
 Rep. Jim Dunnigan
 Rep. Karen W. Morgan

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
 Rosemary Young, House Secretary

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

Rep. Adams called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2005 meeting.
 The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Murray absent for the vote.

S.B. 144 Motor Vehicle Stops At Port-of-entry (*Sen. P. Knudson*)

Sen. Knudson explained the bill assisted by Duane Braegger, President Tramcor Corporation.

The following people made comments on the bill:

Spoke for the bill: Rich Thorn, President Association of General Contractors
 Col. Scott Duncan, Utah Highway Patrol

Spoke against the bill: Jean Loveland, Mayor Willard City
 Cathy Graham, Box Elder News Journal

MOTION: Rep. Adams moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously
 with Reps. Dougall and Wallace absent for the vote.

S.B. 207 Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage Amendments (Sen. D. Eastman)

Rep. Adams explained the bill.

The following people spoke for the bill: Chris Purcell, State Farm Insurance
Steve Sullivan, Utah Trial Lawyers Association

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Dougall and Wallace absent for the vote.

S.B. 188 Classifying Off-highway Vehicles as Allowed on Designated Roads (Sen. T. Hatch)

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

Wayne D. Shepherd, Utah Chiefs of Police, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Adams moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Dougall voting in opposition and Rep. Wallace absent for the vote.

H.B. 367 Restrictions on High Occupancy Vehicle Lane (Rep. D. Litvack)

Rep. Daw moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Lines 13 through 15:

- 13 ▶ provides that if a designated high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane includes a
 freeway
14 on-ramp or an off-ramp, the on-ramp or off-ramp is open for general vehicle use
15 except during the peak traffic hours ;
 ; of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. ; or
 ; at different peak traffic hours designated by a highway authority if
 peak traffic volumes occur at different times based on a traffic engineering study ;

2. Page 2, Line 54 through Page 3, Line 59:

- 54 (b) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (4)(a)(iii), if a highway
 authority
55 designates a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane that includes a freeway on-ramp or
 off-ramp.

56 the on-ramp or off-ramp shall be open for general vehicle use regardless of the number of
57 occupants except during the peak traffic hours of:
58 ~~{(f)}~~ (A) 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.; and
59 ~~{(f)}~~ (B) 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. .

(ii) A highway authority may designate peak hours that are different than the hours specified under Subsection (4)(b)(i) if, based on a traffic engineering study, the highway authority determines that peak traffic volumes regularly occur at different times in that location.

Rep. Litvack explained the bill.

The following people spoke against the bill: Dan Fallows, Department of Public Safety
Carlos Braceras, Department of Transportation

MOTION: Rep. Cosgrove moved to return the bill to the Rules Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Murray adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Representative Joseph G. Murray
Committee Chair