

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 2005
ROOM W020, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Chair
 Sen. Allen M. Christensen
 Sen. Gene Davis
 Sen. Karen Hale
 Sen. Bill Hickman

Staff Present: Phillip Dean, Policy Analyst
 Eric Weeks, Associate General Counsel
 Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Public Speaker Present: Brent Gardner, Executive Director, Utah Assn. of Counties

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

Committee Chair Hellewell called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

1. S.B. 0011 Initiative Petitions Amendments (B. Evans)

Sen. Evans explained that the bill establishes standards for signature verification on initiative petitions.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale being absent for the vote.

2. S.B. 0076 Amendments to Navajo Trust Fund (B. Evans)

Sen. Evans explained that the bill extends the sunset date for the Navajo Trust Fund and allows the board of trustees to meet every other month.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. S.B. 78 Optional Forms of County Government Amendment (D. Thomas)

Sen. Thomas explained that the bill modifies a provision relating to the expanded county commission form of government.

Brent Gardner, Executive Director, Utah Assn. of Counties, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. S.B. 80 Special Service Districts - Service Expansion (M. Dmitrich)

This bill will be reviewed at a later date.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hellewell adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Committee Chair

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