

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2005, 1:15 P.M.  
ROOM W025, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present:        Sen. Beverly Evans, Chair  
                              Sen. Ron Allen  
                              Sen. D. Chris Buttars  
                              Sen. Gene Davis  
                              Sen. Carlene Walker

Staff Present:            Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst  
                              Dee Larsen, Associate General Counsel  
                              Nedra Duzett, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Kelly Atkinson, Utah Public Employee Assn.  
                                  Lincoln Shurtz, League of Cities & Towns  
                                  Mike Galieti, Officer, Fraternal Order of Police  
                                  Chad Soffe, President, Fraternal Order of Police  
                                  Dan Fullows, Utah Law Enforcement Committee  
                                  Rep. Bud Bowman

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

Committee Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m., and recognized Sen. Gene Davis as a newly appointed member of the committee.

**1.     H.B. 173 State Employee Amendments (A. Hardy)**

Rep. Hardy explained the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Allen and Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buttars moved to place the bill on the consent calendar.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Allen and Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

2. **H.B. 180 Retirement Office Amendments** (A. Hardy)

Rep. Hardy explained the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Allen and Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

3. **S.B. 154 Public Safety Retirement Amendments** (D. C. Buttars)

Sen. Buttars explained the bill.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Kelly Atkinson, Utah Public Employee Assn.  
Mike Galieti, Officer, Fraternal Order of Police  
Chad Soffe, President, Fraternal Order of Police  
Dan Fowles, Utah Law Enforcement Committee  
Rep. Bud Bowman

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Lincoln Shurtz, League of Cities & Towns

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Committee Secretary

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Sen. Beverly Evans, Committee Chair

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