

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM W010, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
FEBRUARY 8, 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
 Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Bowman called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Aagard absent for the vote.

H.B. 211 Integrity of Election Results Amendments (*Rep. J. Dougall*)

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to delete in title and body H.B. 211 and replace it with 1st Substitute H.B. 211. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Aagard absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to amend the substitute bill as follows:

1. Page 6, Lines 173 through 175:

173 (viii) ensure that all voting equipment purchased by the state complies with the
174 requirements of Subsection 20A-5-302(2) and {~~Title 20A, Chapter 5, Part 4, Election~~
 ~~Officer's~~
175 ~~Duties~~} Sections 20A-5-402.5 and 20A-5-402.7 ; and

The motion to amend the substitute bill passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Aagard absent for the vote.

Rep. Dougall introduced 1st Substitute H.B. 211 and explained the changes in the substitute bill to the committee.

Rep. Bowman relinquished the chair to Rep. Aagard.

Spoke to the bill: Kim Jackson, Utah County Clerk Auditor
 Wallace McCormick, citizen
 Arie Van De Graaff, Utah Association of Counties
 Brian Watkins, citizen, computer programmer
 Steve McDonald, Deputy Director, State Elections Office

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes absent for the vote.

H.B. 99 State Fleet Vehicle Classification (*Rep. E. Hutchings*)

This bill was not considered at this meeting.

H.B. 128 Compensation of Executive Officers (*Rep. L. Christensen*)

This bill was not considered at this meeting.

H.B. 281 Task Force on Legislative Reforms (*Rep. N. Hansen*)

Rep. Hansen introduced H.B. 281 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Wallace McCormick, citizen
 Dalane England, citizen

Spoke in favor of the bill: Sandy Peck, League of Women Voters

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Butters voting in opposition to the motion and Rep. Tilton absent for the vote.

H.B. 291 Capitol Preservation Board Modifications (*Rep. J. Alexander*)

Rep. Alexander introduced H.B. 291 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Wallace McCormick, citizen

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

H.B. 142 Issues Submitted to Voters (*Rep. G. Hughes*)

Rep. Hughes introduced H.B. 142 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mike Jerman, Utah Taxpayers Association
Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau

Spoke to the bill: Kim Jackson, Utah County Clerk Auditor
Wallace McCormick, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Aagard adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Rep. Douglas C. Aagard, Chair