

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM W010, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 8, 2006**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Vice Chair
 Rep. Stephen D. Clark

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
 Carrie Griffith, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Aagard called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2006 meeting.
 The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Hendrickson, and Rep.
 Hutchings absent for the vote.

Rep. Aagard relinquished the chair to Rep. Hansen.

H.B. 348 Election Code - Electronic Voting Procedures and Requirements (*Rep. D. Aagard*)

Rep. Aagard, assisted by Gary Herbert, Lt. Governor, explained the bill to the committee.

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

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed
 unanimously, with Rep. Buttars and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

Rep. Hansen relinquished the chair to Rep. Aagard.

H.B. 331 Ambulance Services - Free Market Competition (*Rep. G. Hughes*)

H.B. 331 was not considered

H.B. 420 Municipal Building Inspectors Availability (Rep. A. Tilton)

Rep. Tilton explained the bill to the committee.

Rep. Tilton moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Line 26 through Page 2, Line 28:*

- 26 Each municipality that employs at least one **full-time** building inspector shall
ensure the
27 availability of a building inspector during regular business hours of each ~~{business}~~
day **Monday through Friday** , except
28 for **holidays and** normal absences due to vacation, sickness, or other commonly
acceptable reasons.

Spoke for the bill: Rich Thorne, President, Association of General Contractors

Spoke against the bill: Lincoln Shirts, Utah League of Cities and Towns
Taz Biesinger, Utah Home Builder's Association
Scott Marsell, Chief Building Official, Sandy City
Rep. Larry Wiley, building inspector, Salt Lake County (declared a
conflict of interest)

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably, as amended. The motion
passed, with Rep. Hendrickson and Rep. Wheatley voting in opposition.

H.B. 423 Limitation on Local Highway Authorities (Rep. W. Harper)

Rep. Harper explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Reinhard Haidenthaller

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

S.B. 55 Election Reform (Sen. L. A. Mansell) (Rep.)

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 11, Lines 317 through 319:*

- 317 attacks on any candidate. I shall not participate in or nor shall I permit the use of
defamation,
318 libel, or slander against any candidate. I shall not participate in ~~{or}~~ **nor** shall I

- permit the use of any
319 other criticism of any candidate that I do not believe to be truthful, provable, and relevant
to my
2. *Page 11, Lines 323 through 324:*
323 I SHALL NOT use {~~or~~} nor shall I permit the use of any practice that tends to
corrupt or
324 undermine our American system of free elections, or that hinders or prevents the free
3. *Page 13, Lines 390 through 391:*
390 (ii) contain the name and title of the officer being replaced, and the name,
~~street~~ address,
391 occupation, and title of the new officer.
4. *Page 16, Lines 461 through 462:*
461 (ii) contain the name and title of the officer being replaced and the name,
~~street~~ address,
462 occupation, and title of the new officer.

Sen. Mansell explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke against the bill: Tom Patterson, Director Sentencing Commission
Kathy Doren, League of Voters

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to pass the bill out favorably, as amended. The motion passed, with Rep. Hansen voting in opposition. Rep. Tilton was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, with unanimously with Rep. Tilton absent for the vote.

Rep. Aagard adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Rep. Douglas C. Aagard, Chair