

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006  
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:                Rich North, Policy Analyst  
                                 Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present:    Roger Tew, Constitutional Revision Commission  
                                 Judge Jon Memmott, Davis County Courts  
                                 Michael O'Brien, attorney, Utah Media Coalition  
                                 Shelly Tuescher-Cordon, Lexus Nexus  
                                 Kelly Atkinson, Executive Director, Utah Health Insurance Assn.  
                                 William Christofferson, National Veteran's Assn.

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

Committee Chair Hellewell called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2006, meeting.

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

**1.     H.J.R. 008 Resolution Revising Executive Officer Succession Provisions (S. Allen)**

Rep. Allen explained the bill with the assistance of Roger Tew, Constitutional Revision Commission. Mr. Tew spoke in support of the bill.

Judge Jon Memmott, Davis County Courts, spoke in support of the bill.

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

The motion failed with Sen. Hellewell and Sen. Hickman voting in opposition, and with Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hellewell moved to reconsider the previous action.

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



**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass the substitute bill out favorably as amended.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hickman absent for the vote.

3. **H.B. 0012 Amendments to Government Records Access and Management Act**  
(D. Aagard)

Rep. Aagard explained the bill.

Michael O'Brien, Utah Media Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

The motion passed with Sen. Davis and Sen. Hale voting in opposition.

4. **H.B. 0076 High Deductible Health Plan Option for Public Employees**  
(B. Daw)

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

Kelly Atkinson, Executive Director, Utah Health Insurance Assn., spoke to the bill.

Linn Baker, Director, Public Employees Health Plan, spoke in support of the bill.

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

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved the following amendment:

Page 2 line 48, (c) change "shall" to "may"

Mr. Baker spoke in opposition to the amendment.

The substitute motion failed with Sen. Hellewell, Sen. Christensen, and Sen. Hickman voting in opposition.

The original motion passed with Sen. Davis and Sen. Hale voting in opposition.

5. **H.B. 0461 Veterans Nursing Home - Extension Bond Authorization** (A. Hardy)

Rep. Hardy explained the bill.

William Christofferson, National Veteran's Assn., spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. **H.J.R. 010 Joint Rules Resolution - Disclosure of Conflict of Interest** (R. Romero)

Rep. Romero explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed with Sen. Hellewell and Sen. Hickman voting in opposition.

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

The motion failed.

7. **H.B. 0269 Human Resource Management Amendments** (D. Clark)

Rep. Clark explained the bill.

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

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

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

Sen. Hellewell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

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Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Committee Chair