

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE BUSINESS & LABOR
STANDING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007, 9:10 A.M.
ROOM W015, WEST OFFICE BUILDING
STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present: Sen. Kevin VanTassell, Chair
Sen. Dan Eastman
Sen. Wayne Niederhauser
Sen. Carlene Walker
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Ed Mayne

Members Excused: Sen. Bill Hickman

Staff Present: Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst
Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Curtis Broadbent, Controller, NUCOR Steel
Mark Lewon, Vice President, Operations, Utah Metal Works, Inc.
Larry Bunkall, Assistant Director, Government and Public Relations,
Kennecott Utah Copper
Robert Trish, General Manager, Metal Management
Rich Thorn, President, CEO, Associated General Contractors
Alan Hennebold, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Labor Commission
LaRee Miller, Executive Director, Utah Citizens Alliance

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

Chair VanTassell called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Niederhauser, Walker and Mayne absent for the vote.

1. S.B. 44 Scrap Metal Transactions (J. Greiner)

Sen. Greiner introduced the bill.

Curtis Broadbent, Controller, NUCOR Steel; Mark Lewon, Vice President, Operations, Utah Metal Works, Inc.; Larry Bunkall, Assistant Director, Government and Public Relations, Kennecott Copper, Vice President, Utah Manufacturers Association; Robert Trish, General Manager, Metal Management; and Rich Thorn, President, CEO, Associated General Contractors; spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Walker moved to go to the next item on the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. S.B. 109 Transfers of Structured Settlements (E. Mayne)

Sen. Mayne introduced the bill and distributed the following amendments:

1. Page 2, Lines 30 through 33:

- 30 (1) For purposes of this section:
31 (a) "Payment rights under workers' compensation" means {~~an~~
employee's} ~~the~~ right to
32 receive compensation under this chapter or Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act,
33 including the payment of a workers' compensation claim, award, benefit, or settlement.

2. Page 2, Lines 53 through 54:

- 53 (3) (a) Beginning April 30, 2007, {~~an employee~~} ~~a person~~ may not transfer
payment rights under
54 workers' compensation.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to adopt the amendments.

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

Alan Hennebold, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Labor Commission, further explained the bill.

LaRee Miller, Executive Director, Utah Citizens Alliance, spoke in support of the bill.

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

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

MOTION: Sen. Walker moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously at 9:55 a.m. with Sen. Eastman absent for the vote.

Sen. Kevin VanTassell, Committee Chair