

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008
ROOM C415, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present: Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Chair
 Sen. John W. Hickman
 Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
 Sen. Scott D. McCoy
 Sen. Ross I. Romero

Member Excused: Sen. D. Chris Buttars

Staff Present: Rich North, Policy Analyst
 Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Paul Smith, Executive Director, Utah Apartment Assn.
 Lincoln Shurtz, Director of Legislative Affairs, Utah League of
 Cities & Towns
 Marina Lowe, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union

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

Committee Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to approve the minutes of the Feb. 15, 2008 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

1. S.B. 153 Revision to County Elected Offices (G. Bell)

The bill was not heard.

2. S.B. 195 Use of Campaign Contributions (G. Bell)

Sen. Bell explained the bill.

After two failed votes for action on the bill, the Committee Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

3. S.B. 253 County Law Enforcement Duties (M. Waddoups)

The bill was not heard.

4. **S.B. 239 Office of the Attorney General - Safety Net Initiative** (*C. Bramble*)

Sen. Bramble explained the bill assisted by Attorney General Mark Shurtleff.

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

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

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar.

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

5. **H.B. 261 Local District Primary Elections** (*K. Morgan*)

Rep. Morgan explained the bill.

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

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

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar.

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

6. **H.B. 309S1 Election Information Amendments** (*J. Dougall*)

Rep. Dougall explained the bill.

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

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

7. **H.B. 290 Municipal Oversight of Rental Dwellings** (*G. Froerer*)

Rep. Froerer explained the bill.

Lincoln Shurtz, League of Cities & Towns, spoke in support of the bill and answered questions from the Committee.

Paul Smith, Utah Apartment Assn., also spoke in support of the bill.

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

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

8. H.B. 231 Local Voter Information Pamphlet Amendments (D. Aagard)

Rep. Aagard explained the bill.

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

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

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar.

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

9. H.B. 210 Proof of Citizenship Required to Vote (M. Madsen)

Sen. Madsen explained the bill.

Marina Lowe, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to adjourn.

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

Committee Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Committee Chair