

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008
ROOM C415, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

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

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

Public Speakers Present: Ralph Becker, Mayor, Salt Lake City
 Carlton Christensen, Council Member, Salt Lake City
 Rob Jolley, Lobbyist, Delta Airlines
 Bruce Jones, Counsel for Utah Transit Authority
 Ryan Loose, Attorney, South Jordan City
 Mike O'Brien, Attorney, Utah Media Coalition
 Steve Maese, Citizen
 Michael Jensen, Salt Lake County Unified Fire Authority
 Rep. Sylvia Andersen
 Paul Ashton, Attorney, Holladay Water Company
 Sen. Allen Christensen
 Kelly Ann Booth, Attorney
 David S. Ostler, Holladay Water Company
 David Irvine, Attorney, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
 Ruby Nakair
 Michael Cragun, Lt. Governor's Office

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

Committee Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting.

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

1. **S.B. 294 Community Development and Renewal Amendments** (C. Bramble)

Sen. Bramble explained the bill.

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

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

2. **S.B. 245 Funding Relating to Airports** (C. Bramble)

Sen. Bramble asked the Committee to adopt a substitute bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to delete in title and body S.B. 245 and replace it with 1st Substitute S.B. 245.

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

Sen. Bramble explained the substitute bill.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Ralph Becker, Mayor, Salt Lake City
Carlton Christensen, Council Member, Salt Lake City
Rob Jolley, Lobbist, Delta Airlines

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Bruce Jones, Counsel for Utah Transit Authority

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

The motion failed with Sens. Buttars, Hickman, and Knudson voting in favor and Sens Jenkins, McCoy, and Romero voting in opposition.

3. **S.B. 260 Disclosure of Public Employee Disciplinary Actions Amendments**
(D. C. Buttars)

Sen. Waddoups asked the Committee to adopt a substitute bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to delete in title and body S.B. 260 and replace it with 1st Substitute S.B. 260.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Waddoups explained the substitute bill.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Mike O'Brien, Attorney, Utah Media Coalition
Steve Maese, Citizen

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **S.B. 245S1 Funding Relating to Airports** (*C. Bramble*)

Sen. Jenkins made a motion to reconsider previous action on the bill.

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

The motion passed with Sens. McCoy and Romero voting in opposition.

5. **S.B. 261 Political Subdivision Annexation Amendments** (*M. Waddoups*)

Sen. Waddoups asked the Committee to adopt a substitute bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to delete in title and body S.B. 261 and replace it with 1st Substitute S.B. 261.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Waddoups asked Michael Jensen, Chair, Salt Lake County Unified Fire Authority to explain the substitute bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

6. **H.B. 116 Flourine in a Privately Owned Water System** (*S. Andersen*)

Rep. Andersen explained the bill assisted by Paul Ashton, attorney for the Holladay Water Company.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Paul Ashton, attorney, Holladay Water Company
Dave Ostler, Holladay Water Company

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Sen. Christensen
Kelly Ann Booth, attorney

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

The motion failed with Sens. Hickman, McCoy, and Knudson voting in opposition, and Sens. Jenkins, Butters, and Romero voting in support of the motion.

7. **H.B. 352 Amendments Related to Monies Derived from Navajo Reservation Lands in Utah** (*Rep. Clark*)

Rep. Clark explained the bill.

David Irvine, Attorney, Navajo Trust Fund, spoke to the bill, and said he had not taken a position.

Ruby Nakair, a Navajo, spoke in opposition to the bill. She distributed copies of a resolution titled, "Resolution of the Descendants of K'aayelii, Inc." which was in opposition to the bill.

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

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

8. **H.C.R 4 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Congressional Action to Designate a New Recipient of Royalties from Navajo Reservation Lands in Utah** (*D. Clark*)

Rep. Clark explained the bill.

David Irvine, Attorney, Navajo Trust Fund, spoke to the bill, and said he had not taken a position.

Ruby Nakair, a Navajo, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Buttars and Hickman absent for the vote.

Rep. Harper explained the substitute bill.

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to pass the substitute bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Buttars and Hickman absent for the vote.

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

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Buttars and Hickman absent for the vote.

12. H.B. 185 Western States Presidential Primary Amendments (K. Grover)

Rep. Grover explained the bill.

Michael Cragun, Office of the Lt. Governor, clarified some issues on the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Buttars and Hickman absent for the vote.

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

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Buttars and Hickman absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Buttars and Hickman absent for the vote.

Committee Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary