

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009, 2:00 P.M.
ROOM 250, STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. Chris Buttars, Chair
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Sen. Ross I. Romero

Members Absent: Sen. Jon J. Greiner

Staff Present: Jerry Howe, Policy Analyst
Allison Volk, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Barbara Szweda, Policy Advisor, ACLU
Clint Topham, Council of Engineers
Frank Mylar, citizen
Gayle Ruzika, Marriage Alliance
Jeff Key, citizen
Jonathan Jeppsen, citizen
Lavar Christensen, Citizens for Principal Government
Linda Barney, citizen
Lora Bunker, citizen
Stan Rasmusson, citizen
Will Carlson, Public Policy Manager, Equality Utah

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

Chair Buttars called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

1. SB32 Wrongful Death Amendments
(S. McCoy)

MOTION: Senator McCoy moved to adopt 1st Substitute SB0032, Wrongful Death Amendments.

The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote in favor of the motion.

Senator McCoy introduced the bill.

Linda Barney, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Frank Mylar, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Jeff Key, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Stan Rasmusson, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Barbara Szweda, Policy Advisor, ACLU, spoke for the bill.

Gayle Ruzika, Marriage Alliance, spoke against the bill.

Jonathan Jeppsen, citizen, spoke for the bill.

Lora Bunker, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Will Carlson, Public Policy Manager, Equality Utah, spoke for the bill.

Lavar Christensen, Citizens for Principal Government, spoke against the bill.

Senator McCoy made closing statements on the bill.

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

The motion failed with a 2-4 vote with Sens. McCoy and Romero voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Senator McCoy moved to adjourn.

The motion failed with a 1-5 vote with Senator McCoy in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Senator Waddoups moved to go on to the next item on the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. SB0097 Good Samaritan Act for Engineers
(M. Waddoups)

Senator Waddoups introduced the bill.

Clint Topham, Council of Engineers, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Senator Madsen moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote in favor of the motion.

Senator Buttars adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Allison Volk, Secretary.

Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Committee Chair