

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE REVENUE AND TAXATION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009, 8:30 A.M.
ROOM 250, STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser, Chair
 Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
 Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
 Sen. Dennis Stowell
 Sen. John Valentine
 Sen. Brent Goodfellow

Members Absent: Sen. Ross Romero

Staff Present: Bryant Howe, Asst. Dir., Office of Leg. Research & Gen. Counsel
 Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Mr. Bruce Johnson, State Tax Commission
 Mr. Ron Mortensen, Citizens Coalition for Tax Fairness
 Mr. Royce Van Tassell, Utah Taxpayers Association
 Mr. LeGrand Bitter, Utah Association of Special Districts
 Mr. David Carlson, City of South Salt Lake
 Mr. Steve Barth, City of South Salt Lake
 Mr. Lynn Pace, Deputy City Attorney, Salt Lake City

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

Chair Niederhauser called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to approve the minutes of 2/20/2009.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bramble, Romero, and Stephenson absent for the vote.

1. S.B. 65 – Amendments to Property Tax Notice, Public Hearing, and Resolution Provisions

Sen. Stowell presented and explained this bill.

Mr. Van Tassell and Mr. Mortensen spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. Bitter and Mr. Johnson spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to adopt S.B. 65 with a favorable recommendation.

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

2. SB 47 – Grant in Lieu of Property Taxes

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to delete in title and body S.B. 47 and replace it with 1st Substitute S.B. 47.

The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 47 S01 – County Regional Facilities Property Tax

Sen. Gene Davis presented and explained this bill.

Mr. Carlson and Mr. Barth spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to adopt S.B. 47 S01 with a favorable recommendation.

The motion failed with Sens. Goodfellow and Stowell voting in favor of the motion; Sens. Stephenson, Bramble, Valentine, and Niederhauser voting against the motion; and with Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

Chair Niederhauser relinquished the chair to Sen. Valentine

3. S.B. 189 – Amendments to Sales and Use Tax

Sen. Niederhauser presented and explained this bill.

Mr. Johnson spoke to this bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to adopt S.B. 189 with a favorable recommendation.

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

4. S.B. 190 – Acquisitions of a Billboard by Eminent Domain

Sen. Niederhauser presented and explained this bill.

Mr. Pace spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to adopt S.B. 190 with a favorable recommendation.

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

MOTION: Sen. Stowell moved to adjourn.

Chair Niederhauser adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes reported by Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary.

Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser, Committee Chair