

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 20, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

February 10, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair
 Rep. Brad Galvez, Vice Chair
 Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
 Rep. Janice Fisher
 Rep. Richard Greenwood
 Rep. Curt Oda
 Rep. Lee Perry
 Rep. Holly Richardson
 Rep. Doug Sagers
 Rep. Evan Vickers

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
 Joanna MacKay, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Vice Chair Galvez called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Chavez-Houck, Rep. Fisher and Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 14 Joint Resolution Applying for an Article V Amendments Convention (*Rep. B. Daw*)

Rep. Daw presented the resolution to the committee, assisted by Nick Dranias, Director, Center for Constitutional Government at the Goldwater Institute. Mr. Dranias distributed three handouts to the committee.

Vice Chair Galvez asked Rep. Clark to explain his resolution to help everyone understand the differences between the two resolutions.

H.J.R. 2 Joint Resolution Applying to Congress to Call a Constitutional Convention on the Process for Repeal of Federal Laws (*Rep. D. Clark*)

Rep. Clark explained his resolution to the committee.

Vice Chair Galvez explained that the committee will now hear public testimony on H.J.R. 14.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Rep. Ken Ivory

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Victor Shanti, President, Voter Militia Org.
Gary Alder, Citizen (handout)
Helen Hunter Watts, Citizen
Scott Bradley, Citizen
Ann Turner, John Birch Society (handout)
Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum (handout)
Jason Christensen, Citizen
Becky Maddox, Citizen
Stephanie Terry, Davis County 9/12 Project
Becky Pirente, Citizen
Tracy Davison, United for Freedom Foundation
Sherry Phipps, Citizen

MOTION: Rep. Richardson moved to pass the resolution with a favorable recommendation. The motion failed with Rep. Perry, Rep. Richardson, Rep. Vickers, Rep. Galvez and Rep. Powell voting in favor of the motion. Rep. Chavez-Houck, Rep. Fisher, Rep. Greenwood, Rep. Oda and Rep. Sagers voted in opposition to the motion.

H.J.R. 2 Joint Resolution Applying to Congress to Call a Constitutional Convention on the Process for Repeal of Federal Laws (Rep. D. Clark)

MOTION: Rep. Greenwood moved to move on to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 263 Local District Services Amendments (Rep. D. Clark)

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 263 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Clark briefly explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Le Grand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of Special Districts

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Richardson absent for the vote.

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MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Richardson absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Galvez adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair