

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION &  
PUBLIC UTILITIES & TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 215, SENATE BUILDING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

Members Present:        Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Chair  
                              Sen. Stuart Adams  
                              Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
                              Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
                              Sen. Karen Mayne

Staff Present:            Mr. Leif Elder, Policy Analyst  
                              Ms. Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Van Tassell called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to approve minutes of the February 24, 2012, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

**S.B. 290     Utah Futures Program (*Sen. H. Stephenson*)**

Sen. Stephenson introduced and explained the bill assisted by Senator Aaron Osmond. Both answered questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Adams moved to transmit **S.B. 290** with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**S.B. 195     Transportation Safety Revisions (*Sen. K. Mayne*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Adams moved to adopt **1st Sub. S.B. 195**. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Mayne introduced and explained the bill assisted by Bruce Jones, General Counsel, Utah Transit Authority and Mike Allegra, General Manager, Utah Transit Authority.

Spoke for the bill:     Ross E. Larsen, UTA Chief of Police

**MOTION:** Sen. Adams moved to transmit **1st Sub. S.B. 195** with a favorable recommendation.            The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Adams assumed the committee chair.

**S.B. 77      Surface Owner Protection Act (Sen. K. Van Tassell)**

Sen. Van Tassell introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill:      Lee Peacock, President, Utah Petroleum Association  
                                 Sterling Brown, Vice President, Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau

Spoke to the bill:      John Baza, Director, Department of Gas and Mining

**MOTION:** Sen. Van Tassell moved to transmit **S.B. 77** with a favorable recommendation.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**S.C.R. 12      Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress to Clearly Delegate Responsibility  
                         for Regulating Hydraulic Fracturing to the States (Sen. K. Van Tassell)**

Sen. Van Tassell introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill:      Lee Peacock, President, Utah Petroleum Association  
                                 John Baza, Director, Department of Gas and Mining

**MOTION:** Sen. Van Tassell moved to transmit **S.C.R. 12** with a favorable recommendation.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Van Tassell resumed the committee chair.

**S.B. 289      K - 3 Reading Program Technology (Sen. J. S. Adams)**

Sen. Adams introduced and explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to transmit **S.B. 289** with a favorable recommendation. The  
motion passed unanimously.

**S.B. 170      Driver License Qualification Amendments (Sen. S. Urquhart)**

Sen. Urquhart introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill:      Ron Mortensen, Utah Coalition on Illegal Immigration

Spoke against the bill: Mark Alvarez, Attorney, Radio Show Host  
                                 Elizabeth Garbe, Public Policy Director, United Way

**MOTION:** Sen. Adams moved to transmit **S.B. 170** with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Sen. Van Tassell voting in opposition.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Van Tassell adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

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Sen. Kevin T Van Tassell, Committee Chair