

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE REVENUE AND TAXATION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
ROOM 250 STATE CAPITOL
February 21, 2012
8:00 a.m.**

Members Present: Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair
Sen. Stuart Adams
Sen. Ben McAdams
Sen. Ross I. Romero
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. John L. Valentine

Members Excused: Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser

Staff Present: Mr. Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Kathy Helgesen, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. McAdams moved to approve minutes of the February 14 and February 16, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Adams and Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

S.B. 239 Severance Tax Revisions (*Sen. C. Bramble*) was not heard.

S.B. 243 Repeal of Illegal Drug Stamp Tax Act (*Sen. D. Thatcher*)

Sen. Thatcher introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McAdams moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Adams and Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

MOTION: With the bill sponsor's consent, Sen. Valentine moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams and Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

S.B. 78 Water Conservancy District Amendments (*Sen. J. Valentine*)

Sen. Valentine introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to replace S.B. 78 with 1st Sub. S.B. 78. The motion passed

unanimously, with Sen. Adams and Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

Spoke for the bill: Professor B. D. Gardner, BYU Professor Emeritus
Allison Rowland, Voices for Utah Children

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Adams and Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

S.B. 211 Earned Income Tax Credit and Related Funding (*Sen. B. McAdams*)

Sen. McAdams introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McAdams moved to replace S.B. 211 with 1st Sub. S.B. 211. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Adams and Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

Sen. Bramble relinquished the chair to Sen. Valentine.

Spoke for the bill: Tracy Gruber, Analyst, Utah Voices for Children
Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association

Spoke against the bill: Royce VanTassell, Vice President, Utah Taxpayers Association

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Adams and Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

S.B. 177 Government Records Access and Management Act Amendments (*Sen. C. Bramble*)

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to replace S.B. 177 with 1st Sub. S.B.177. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Adams and Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

Sen. Bramble introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Jeff Hunt, Attorney, Utah Media Coalition
Linda Petersen, UROG
Lane Beattie, President, Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce

MOTION: Sen. Adams moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Sub. S.B. 180 Political Subdivision Ethics Amendments (*Sen. C. Bramble*)

Sen. Bramble introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to replace 1st Sub. 180 with 2nd Sub. S.B. 180. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Diane Christensen
 Lincoln Shurtz, Utah League of Cities and Towns
 Paul Sorensen, Cedar Hills Citizens for Responsible Government
 Jerry Dearing, attorney, Cedar Hills Citizens for Responsible
 Government
 Ken Cromar, former City Council Member, Cedar Hills Citizens for
 Responsible Government

MOTION: Sen. Adams moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, Sen. McAdams and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. McAdams and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Minutes reported by Kathy Helgesen, Secretary.

Sen. Curt S. Bramble, Committee Chair