

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
Room 20, House Building  
January 31, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT:      Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair  
                                 Rep. Ken Ivory, Vice Chair  
                                 Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
                                 Rep. Janice Fisher  
                                 Rep. Keith Grover  
                                 Rep. John Mathis  
                                 Rep. Lee Perry  
                                 Rep. Kraig Powell

MEMBERS ABSENT:      Rep. Mike Noel

STAFF PRESENT:        Mr. Arthur Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
                                 Ms. Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Draxler called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**MOTION:**    Rep. Grover moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fisher and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

**H.B. 82        Elections and Early Voting During a Declared Emergency (*Rep. R. Chavez-Houck*)**

Rep. Chavez-Houck introduced the bill to the committee. A handout was provided to committee members.

Mr. Justin Lee of the Lieutenant Governor's Office answered questions of committee members.

Spoke in favor of the bill:    Mr. Brian McKenzie, Davis County Legislative Council

**MOTION:**    Rep. Perry moved to pass H.B. 82 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

**H.B. 85        Voting Recount Amendments (*Rep. C. Hall*)**

Rep. Hall introduced the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ivory moved to amend the bill as follows:

*1. Page 2, Lines 28 through 31:*

- 28 ~~one vote per voting precinct, the]~~ For a race between candidates, if the difference between  
the  
29 number of votes cast for {~~the~~} a winning candidate {~~who receives the~~  
highest number of votes} in the race and  
30 {~~another~~} a losing candidate in the race is equal to or less than .25% of the total  
number of votes cast for  
31 all candidates in the race, that {~~other~~} losing candidate may file a request for a  
recount;

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously with Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mr. Thomas Wright, Chairman, Utah Republican Party

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Brian McKenzie, Davis County Legislative Council

**MOTION:** Rep. Ivory moved to pass H.B. 85 as amended out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Grover moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Draxler adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

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Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair