

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
Room 30, House Building  
January 27, 2015**

**Members Present:** Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair  
Rep. Brad Daw, Vice Chair  
Rep. Patrice Arent  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Fred Cox  
Rep. Keith Grover  
Rep. Merrill Nelson  
Rep. Lee Perry  
Rep. Dean Sanpei  
Rep. Val Peterson

**Staff Present:** Mr. Brian Bean, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Kathy Gessel, Committee Secretary  
Ms. Linda Error, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Draxler called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

**H.B. 51      Voter Eligibility Amendments (*Rep. R. C. Webb*)**

Rep. Webb explained the bill with the assistance of Kate Black, Alta Town Clerk and Cameron Diehl, Utah League of City and Towns. Mr. Diehl distributed a handout, "HB-51 Voter Eligibility Amendments", to the committee.

Spoke to the bill:      Marina Lowe, ACLU

**MOTION:** Rep. Nelson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Arent and Rep. Chavez-Houck voting in opposition.

**H.B. 60      Campaign Finance Amendments (*Rep. Brian S. King*)**

Rep. King explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill:      Marco Diaz, citizen  
Carrie Butler, citizen  
Ashley Hoopes, citizen  
Jenn Gonnely, League of Women Voters  
Maryann Martindale, Alliance for a Better Utah

A handout, "Poll: Utahns Want Campaign Finance Limits" was distributed to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 70 Posting Political Signs on Public Property (Rep. B. Daw)**

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Cameron Diehl, Utah League of Cities and Towns

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 97 Election of Officials of New Municipality (Rep. J. Cox)**

Rep. Cox explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Grover absent for the vote.

**H.B. 91 Campaign Contributions Amendments (Rep. K. Powell)**

Rep. Powell explained the bill. A handout, "Campaign Contributions Amendments", was distributed.

Spoke for the bill: Mark Thomas, Lt. Governors Office.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Grover absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Sanpei moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Grover absent for the vote.

Chair Draxler adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

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Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair