

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 9, 2017 • 3:00 p.m. • 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. D. Gregg Buxton, Chair
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Members Absent:

Sen. J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex R. Janak, Policy Analyst
Ms. Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

Chair Buxton called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Harper moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Van Tassell

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 109 Public Utility Regulatory Restricted Account Amendments (*Pitcher, D.*)

Rep. Pitcher presented the bill with the assistance of Francine Giani, Department of Commerce.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 109 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1-2.

Yeas:

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Sen. J. Anderegg

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Van Tassell

2. H.B. 190 Telecommunications Advisory Council Repeal (*Handy, S.*)

Rep. Handy presented the bill with the assistance of Linda Hull, Department of Transportation.

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to pass H.B. 190 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. K. Van Tassell

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to place H.B. 190 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. K. Van Tassell

3. H.B. 210 Flashing Brake Light Revisions (*Handy, S.*)

Rep. Handy explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to pass H.B. 210 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. K. Van Tassell

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to place H.B. 210 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. K. Van Tassell

4. S.B. 183 High Load Motor Vehicles (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Harper explained the bill.

Mark Lay, Auto Transport Group Inc. spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Harper moved to pass S.B. 183 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Van Tassell

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to place S.B. 183 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Adams J S, Van Tassell K

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Van Tassell

5. S.B. 181 High Priority Transportation Corridors Amendments (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Harper explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Harper moved to pass S.B. 181 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Van Tassell

6. S.B. 174 Public Transit and Transportation Governance Amendments (*Harper, W.*)

MOTION: Sen. Harper moved to replace S.B. 174 with 1st Substitute S.B. 174. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams

George Chapman, citizen spoke in favor of the bill.

Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council spoke in favor of the bill.

Carlos Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation spoke in favor of the bill.

Shawn Milne, Tooele County Commissioner spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 174 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Anderegg

7. S.B. 130 Universal Service Fund Amendments (*Hinkins, D.*)

MOTION: Sen. Dabakis moved to replace S.B. 130 with 1st Substitute S.B. 130. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Anderegg

Sen. Hinkins presented the bill with the assistance of Kira Slawson, Attorney, Utah Rural Telecom Association.

Justin Stewart, Verizon Wireless spoke in opposition to the bill.

Tara Tew, AT&T spoke in opposition to the bill.

James Farr, Century Link spoke in support of the bill..

Michelle Beck, Executive Director, Office of Consumer Services spoke in opposition to the bill.

Steve Proper, Sr. Director, Government Affairs, Comcast spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jerry Oldroyd, Attorney, Comcast spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brock Johansen, Emery Telecom spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 130 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams

Chair Buxton adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Sen. David G. Buxton, Chair