

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE BUSINESS AND LABOR
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 • 2:00 pm • 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Todd Weiler

Members Absent:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Ms. M'kynzi E. Newbold, 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 Bramble called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-5.

Yeas:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. T. Weiler

1. S.B. 170 Workers' Compensation Workgroup (Mayne, K.)

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to amend S.B. 170 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-5.

1. Page 3, Lines 65 through 66:

65 temporary total disability, permanent partial disability, and permanent total disability; { ___ -
and} ___
(f) improving injured workers' accessibility to the Division of Industrial
Accidents, including the feasibility of the Division of Industrial Accidents making
the initial contact with an injured worker rather than relying on the injured worker
to make the initial contact; _

(g) the prevalence of and possible penalties for bad faith denials of workers' compensation claims by insurance carriers; and —

66 { ~~(f)~~ (h) any additional issue that the workgroup:

Yeas:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. T. Weiler

Sen. Mayne presented the bill with the assistance of Dennis Lloyd, Sr. Vice President, Workers' Compensation Fund.

Sen. Hemmert assumed the chair.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to pass S.B. 170 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

2. S.B. 50 Automobile Insurance Registry Amendments (*Fillmore, L.*)

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to replace S.B. 50 with 1st Substitute S.B. 50. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenso

Sen. Fillmore explained the bill.

Sen. Ipson declared a conflict of interest.

Todd Kiser, Insurance Commissioner, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to reconsider action on S.B. 170 to allow Sen. Davis to vote on S.B. 170. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to pass S.B. 170, as amended, out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to place S.B. 170, as amended, on the Consent Calendar.
The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

Acting Chair Hemmert adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair