

AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, July 20, 2005 • 9:00 a.m. • Room W130 House Building

Approximate
Time Frame

9:00 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2005 meeting

9:05 2. Prayer in Government Meetings -- Legal Briefing

"The rights of conscience shall never be infringed. The State shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" -- Utah Constitution Art. I, Sec. 4. What is the current legal status of prayer in government meetings? The Committee will hear a legal briefing from an expert in this area of law.

- Frederick M. Gedicks, Professor of Law, Brigham Young University Law School

9:50 3. Government Efficiency -- Current Efforts and Other Options

Doing more with less, eliminating waste, streamlining operations, reducing services, increasing accountability, auditing performance, rewarding productivity, and establishing performance measures are components of former and current efforts to increase efficiency in government. What can the Legislature do to promote more Utah government efficiency? What is being done now? What other approaches, factors, and options should be considered?

- John Schaff, Legislative Auditor General
- John J. Acker, Department of Human Resource Management
- D'Arcy Dixon Pignanelli, Department of Administrative Services

11:10 4. Other Items / Adjourn