

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Friday, January 27, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair
Rep. Norman K Thurston, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Daniel McCay

Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Dean Sanpei

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Karen C. 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 Peterson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. V. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Sanpei
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay

1. H.B. 91 County Commission Election Amendments (*Thurston, N.*)

Rep. Thurston presented the bill.

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 9-1-0.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Sanpei

Nays:

Rep. N. Thurston

Abs:

2. H.B. 52 Political Contribution Reporting Amendments (*Daw, B.*)

Rep. Daw presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to amend H.B. 52 with Amendment #1:

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The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Sanpei
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay

Mr. Mark Thomas, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass H.B. 52 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Sanpei
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay

3. H.B. 59 Public Service Commission Amendments (*Christofferson, K.*)

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson presented the bill.

Rep. Daw assumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass H.B. 59 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-3.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Sanpei

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

4. H.B. 120 University Student Housing Construction Oversight (*Westwood, J.*)

Rep. John R. Westwood presented the bill with the assistance of Scott Wyatt, President, Southern Utah University.

Mr. Jeff Reddoor, Director, Utah State Building Board, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Jim Russell, Assistant Director, Division of Facilities Construction and Management spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass H.B. 120 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Sanpei

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay
Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. J. Peterson resumed the chair.

5. S.B. 13 Amendments to Election Law (*Dayton, M.*)

Sen. Margaret Dayton presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County.

Mr. Mark Thomas, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to pass S.B. 13 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Sanpei

Nays:

Absent

Rep. D. McCay
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Sanpei

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay
Rep. N. Thurston

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m..

Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair