

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

Thursday, February 16, 2017 • 3:00 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  
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](http://le.utah.gov).

Vice Chair Thurston called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**1. H.B. 320 Notaries Public Amendments (*Hutchings, E.*)**

Rep. Eric K. Hutchings presented the bill with the assistance of Ms. Jennifer Storie, Notary Public Administrator, Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Joseph Rust, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Todd Kiser, Commissioner, Utah Insurance Department, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Brian Nelson, Director, Division of Risk Management, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to amend H.B. 320 with Amendment #1:

1. Page 8, Lines 230 through 231:

230 (c) licensed escrow agent, as defined in Section 31A-1-301, acting as the title  
insurance  
231 producer in signing { ~~real property~~ closing documents;

The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-2.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to pass H.B. 320 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-1-1.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Rep. M. Nelson

Abs:

Rep. D. Sanpei

**2. H.B. 335 Utah Population Estimates Production (*Spendlove, R.*)**

Rep. Robert M. Spendlove presented the bill with the assistance of Ms. Natalie Gochnour, Director, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute.

Mr. Ronald Mortenson, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to amend H.B. 335 with Amendment #1:

1. Page 37, Lines 1137 through 1139:

1137 Subsection (1)(a) is the chair of the committee.

1138 { ~~(4) The Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute shall provide staff support to the~~  
~~committee.~~}

1139 Section 22. Section **63C-18-104** is enacted to read:

The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-0.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

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  
Rep. N. Thurston

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass H.B. 335 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-0.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

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  
Rep. N. Thurston

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to place H.B. 335 on the Consent Calendar.

Rep. McCay withdrew his motion.

**3. H.B. 285 Voter Registration Amendments (*Chavez-Houck, R.*)**

Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck presented the bill with the assistance of Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, and Mr. Brian McKenzie, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor, Davis County.

Mr. James Evans, Chair, Utah Republican Party, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Danny Harris, Director of Advocacy, AARP Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Kory Holdaway, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass H.B. 285 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 3-5-2.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. L. Perry

Nays:

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Rep. V. Peterson 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. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. D. Sanpei

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

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Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair