

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 • 8:00 a.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

**Members Absent:**

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).

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

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

**1. H.B. 314 Election Law Revisions (*Stratton, K.*)**

Rep. Keven J. Stratton presented the bill.

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

Mr. Brian McKenzie, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor, Davis County, spoke to the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to pass H.B. 314 out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to amend H.B. 314 with Amendment #1:

1. *Page 1, Lines 15 through 17:*

15           ▶ { ~~—replaces the absentee ballot postmark deadline with a requirement~~  
                  ~~that an absentee~~  
16 ~~ballot be received by the election officer on or before election day in order to be~~  
17 ~~counted—~~}           amends provisions related to a ballot postmark deadline ;

2. *Page 5, Lines 124 through 132:*

124 the absentee voter resides;]  
125           {  ~~}+ (b) in the case of an absentee ballot that is submitted by mail, the  
                  ballot is:  
126           (i) clearly postmarked before election day, or otherwise clearly marked by the  
                  post  
127           office as received by the post office before election day; and  
128           (ii) received in the office of the election officer before noon on the day of the  
                  official  
129 canvass following the election; {  ~~}+ [or]  
130           { ~~(b)~~ (c) received by the election officer on or before election day; or  
131           { ~~(c)~~ (d) in the case of a military-overseas ballot, [the ballot is]  
                  submitted in accordance with  
132 Section 20A-16-404.~~~~

The motion failed with a vote of 1-6-3.

Yeas:

Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson

Abs:

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

Rep. Daw's original motion to pass H.B. 314 out favorably failed with a vote of 3-4-3.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. D. McCay

Nays:

Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Abs:

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**2. S.B. 10 Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission Amendments (*Knudson, P.*)**

Sen. Peter C. Knudson presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Nelson moved to pass S.B. 10 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-3.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**3. H.B. 97 Alcohol Beverage Control Operations Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)**

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the bill.

Mr. Sal Petilos, Executive Director, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to replace H.B. 97 with 1st Substitute H.B. 97. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 97 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-3-2.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Peterson

Abs:

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**4. H.B. 366 Emergency Personnel Recording Amendments (*Maloy, A.C.*)**

H.B. 366 was not considered.

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

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. D. Sanpei

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

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Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair