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MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, March 3, 2017 • 4:10 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.

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

1. S.B. 56 Animal Shelter Amendments (Knudson, P.)

Rep. Perry presented the bill.

Mr. Gene Baierschmidt, Executive Director, Humane Society of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sheriff James Tracy, Sheriff, Utah County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Spencer Conover, Humane Society of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. David Moss, West Valley City Animal Shelter, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dr. John Ziegler, Anesthesiologist Intensivist, Veterinary Medicine, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to amend S.B. 56 with Amendment #2.

1. Page 2, Line 58 through Page 3, Line 81:

58 (1) Subject to Subsection (2) and except as provided in Subsection (3), an animal
59 shelter { ~~shall~~ may use sodium pentobarbital or a derivative as the exclusive
 method for euthanasia of
60 an animal.
61 (2) An animal shelter that uses sodium pentobarbital shall administer the
 sodium pentobarbital or a derivative by:
62 (a) intravenous injection by hypodermic needle;

63 (b) intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic needle; or
64 (c) if an animal is unconscious, intracardial injection by hypodermic needle.
65 (3) { ~~-(a) Subsection (1) does not apply to an animal that must be euthanized~~
66 ~~outside of~~
67 ~~the animal shelter's place of business or facility by an animal control officer who:~~
68 ~~— (i) contracts with the animal shelter; and~~
69 ~~— (ii) must, subject to Subsection (3)(b), euthanize the animal in an emergency~~
70 ~~situation.~~
71 ~~— (b) } If an animal control officer must euthanize an animal in an emergency~~
72 ~~situation, the~~
73 ~~officer shall use the most humane method available.~~
74 (4) { ~~-(a) Subject to Subsection (4)(b), an~~ ~~an~~ ~~animal shelter~~ ~~may~~ ~~—~~
75 ~~not~~ } use the following
76 methods for euthanasia of an animal:
77 { ~~(i)~~ ~~(a)~~ carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, or other non-anesthetic
78 inhalant;
79 { ~~(i)~~ ~~(b)~~ a chamber that:
80 { ~~(A)~~ ~~(i)~~ causes a change in body oxygen by means of altering
81 atmospheric pressure; or
82 { ~~(B)~~ ~~(ii)~~ is connected to an internal combustion engine and uses the
83 engine exhaust; or
84 { ~~(i)~~ ~~(c)~~ any other method that is not ~~permitted~~ ~~described~~
85 under Subsection (1).
86 { ~~(b) Subsection (4)(a) applies:~~
87 ~~— (i) for euthanasia of a domestic animal, on or after July 1, 2018; and~~
88 ~~— (ii) for euthanasia of a wild animal, on or after July 1, 2019. }~~
89 Section 4. Section 11-46-403 is enacted to read:

The motion passed with a vote of 6-2-2.

Yeas:

Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

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

Abs:

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. D. Sanpei

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass S.B. 56 out favorably.
The motion failed with a vote of 4-4-2.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Abs:

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. D. Sanpei

2. H.B. 447 Political Party Amendments (*Roberts, M.*)

Rep. Marc K. Roberts presented the bill.

Ms. Lynda Pipkin, Chairwoman, Weber County Republican Party, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Jacqueline de Gaston, resident, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass H.B. 447 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-3-0.

Yeas:

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Sanpei
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. M. Nelson

Abs:

3. S.B. 209 Budgeting Revisions (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass S.B. 209 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

Chair Peterson announced that the committee would saunter.

4. 1st Sub. S.B. 242 Government Records Access and Management Act Amendments (*Bramble, C.*)

This bill was not considered.

5. 2nd Sub. S.B. 241 Local Government Plan Review Amendments (*Bramble, C.*)

This bill was not considered.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to approve the minutes of the February 28 and March 2 meetings. 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 adjourn. 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

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair