

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

Tuesday , January 30, 2018 • 4:00 p.m. • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair
Rep. Justin L. Fawson, 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. Adam Robertson
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

1 . H.B. 68 Political Party Amendments (*Fawson, J.*)

Rep. Justin L. Fawson explained the bill.

Fred Cox, citizen, spoke for the bill.

Phil Wright, citizen, spoke for the bill.

Dalane England, United Women's Forum, spoke for the bill.

Kris Kimball, citizen, spoke for the bill.

Chase Clyde, Director of Government Relations and Political Action, Utah Education Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to pass H.B. 68 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 1 .

Yeas-7

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson

Nays-3

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

Absent-1

Rep. N. Thurston

2 . H.B. 206 Gifts to the State Amendments (*Kwan, K.*)

Rep. Karen Kwan explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to pass H.B. 206 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson

3 . H.B. 223 Display of Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Flag (*Westwood, J.*)

Rep. John R. Westwood presented the bill with the assistance of Gary R. Harter, Executive Director, Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to amend H.B. 223 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

Amendment 1
H.B. 223

1 Page 1, Line 10

10 This bill requires the Department of {~~Veterans'~~ Veterans and Military Affairs to display the

2 Page 1, Line 15

15 ▶ requires the Department of {~~Veterans'~~ Veterans and Military Affairs to display the POW/MIA

3 Page 2, Lines 39 through 42

39 (2) The Department of {~~Veterans'~~ Veterans and Military Affairs shall ensure that, in any place

40 where the United States flag is displayed out of doors at a cemetery that is operated by the

41 Department of {~~Veterans'~~ Veterans and Military Affairs, the POW/MIA flag is displayed in the manner

42 described in Subsection (3).

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. A. Robertson

MOTION: Rep. Fawson moved to pass H.B. 223 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-10

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. P. Arent

Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck

Rep. B. Daw

Rep. J. Fawson

Rep. D. McCay

Rep. M. Nelson

Rep. L. Perry

Rep. J. Peterson

Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. A. Robertson

MOTION: Rep. Fawson moved to place H.B. 223 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-10

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. P. Arent

Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck

Rep. B. Daw

Rep. J. Fawson

Rep. D. McCay

Rep. M. Nelson

Rep. L. Perry

Rep. J. Peterson

Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. A. Robertson

4 . S.B. 17 Election Law Modifications (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Wayne A. Harper explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass S.B. 17 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0 .

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-0

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Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

5 . S.B. 26 Campaign Finance Amendments (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Harper explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass S.B. 26 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0 .

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-0

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MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0 .

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-0

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Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.