

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

Wednesday , February 21, 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. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Lee B. Perry

Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Staff Present:

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

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

Vice Chair Fawson called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

1 . S.B. 94 Poll Watchers and Challenges to Voters (Dayton, M.)

Sen. Margaret Dayton explained the bill with the assistance of Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

MOTION: Rep. V. Peterson moved to replace S.B. 94 with 1st Substitute S.B. 94.

Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, and Chair, Utah Clerks' Legislative Policy Committee, spoke to the bill.

Rep. V. Peterson's motion to replace S.B. 94 with 1st Substitute S.B. 94 passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-9

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Peterson

Rod Mann, Mayor, Highland City, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Nelson moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 94 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-8

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Peterson

Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston

2 . H.B. 344 Special Congressional Election Amendments (McCay, D.)

Rep. Daniel McCay explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass H.B. 344 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 4 .

Yeas-6

Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Nays-1

Rep. P. Arent

Absent-4

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

3 . H.B. 338 Election Amendments (McCay, D.)

Rep. McCay explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass H.B. 338 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 3 .

Yeas-7

Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-1

Rep. P. Arent

Absent-3

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to adjourn. The motion failed with a vote of 4 - 4 - 3 .

Yeas-4

Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-4

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Absent-3

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Peterson

4 . H.B. 225 Initiatives, Referenda, and Other Political Activities (*Daw, B.*)

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

Rod Mann, Mayor, Highland City, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, and Chair, Utah Clerks' Legislative Policy Committee, spoke to the bill.

Trevor Tidwell, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rod Mann, Mayor, Highland City, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Nelson moved to replace H.B. 225 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 225. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-8

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Nays-0

Absent-3

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

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 225 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-8

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson

Nays-0

Absent-3

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

Rep. T. Seegmiller

5 . S.B. 52 Sale of State Land Act (Davis, G.)

Sen. Gene Davis explained the bill.

Rod Mann, Mayor, Highland City, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Nelson moved to pass S.B. 52 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 1 .

Yeas-8

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

Nays-2

Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Absent-1

Rep. J. Peterson

6 . S.C.R. 6 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Utah Honor Flight Program (Iwamoto, J.)

Sen. Jani Iwamoto explained the concurrent resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass S.C.R. 6 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. J. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to place S.C.R. 6 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

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Yeas-10

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Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. J. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

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Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. J. Peterson

Vice Chair Fawson adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.