

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE**

Wednesday , February 28, 2018 • 4:00 p.m. • 415 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Don L. Ipson, Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

Members Absent:

Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Peter C. Knudson

Staff Present:

Ms. Megan L. Bolin, Policy Analyst
Ms. Paula Morgan, Committee Secretary

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

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

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to approve the minutes for the February 23 and 27, 2018 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-3

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. D. Thatcher

1 . 1st Sub. H.B. 285 Rate Committee Amendments (*Peterson, V.*)

Rep. Val Peterson explained the bill.

Ken Hansen, Deputy Director, Department of Administrative Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 285 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-3

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. D. Thatcher

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 285 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-3

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

Sen. D. Thatcher

2 . H.B. 342 Division of Facilities Construction and Management Property Amendments (*Brooks, W.*)

Rep. Walt Brooks explained the bill.

Ken Hansen, Deputy Director, Department of Administrative Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass H.B. 342 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-3

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. D. Thatcher

3 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 294 Municipal Forms of Government Amendments (*Coleman, K.*)

Rep. Kim Coleman explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 294 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

Sen. Dayton assumed the chair.

4 . S.B. 230 Law Enforcement Protection Amendments (*Ipson, D.*)

Sen. Ipson explained the bill with the assistance of Darci Goddard, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office.

Jami Brackin, Chair, Civlac Group, Utah County and District Attorney Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass S.B. 230 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

Sen. Ipson assumed the chair.

5 . S.B. 238 Legislative Hiring Practices Amendments (Niederhauser, W.)

President Wayne Niederhauser explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to amend S.B. 238 with Amendment #1 as follows:

Amendment 1

S.B. 238

1. Page 1, Lines 14 through 15:

14 ▶ provides that certain meetings of the following subcommittees of the Legislative
15 Management Committee are not subject to the provisions of the Open and Public

2. Page 4, Lines 103 through 108:

103 (v) the following Legislative Management subcommittees, which are established in
104 Section 36-12-8, when meeting for the purpose of selecting or evaluating a candidate to
105 recommend for employment, except that the meeting in which a subcommittee votes to recommend that
a candidate be employed shall be subject to the provisions of this act :

106 (A) the Research and General Counsel Subcommittee;

107 (B) the Budget Subcommittee; and

108 (C) the Audit Subcommittee.

Sen. Dayton's motion to amend S.B. 238 with Amendment #1 passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

Sen. D. Thatcher

Douglas Foxley, Utah Media, spoke in favor of the bill.

Joel Campbell, Researcher, Freedom of Information, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Adams moved to pass S.B. 238, as amended, out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to place S.B. 238, as amended, on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

6 . H.B. 320 Campaign Finance Modifications (*Wheatley, M.*)

Rep. Mark Wheatley explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass H.B. 320 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-4

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. D. Thatcher

7 . 1st Sub. H.B. 332 Local Government Financial Amendments (*Handy, S.*)

Rep. Stephen Handy explained the bill with the assistance of LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of Special Districts.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 332 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

8 . 1st Sub. H.B. 257 Sentinel Landscape Designation (*Knotwell, J.*)

Rep. John Knotwell explained the bill.

Tyler Smith, Colonel, Utah National Guard, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 257 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 257 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

Sen. D. Thatcher

9 . 1st Sub. H.B. 281 Voter Eligibility Amendments (*Briscoe, J.*)

Rep. Joel Briscoe explained the bill.

Kyle Adams, Student, Highland High School, spoke in favor of the bill.

Miranda Rowland, Student, Highland High School, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 281 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. P. Knudson

Chair Ipson adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.