



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. John Knotwell, Chair
Rep. Phil Lyman, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Jon Hawkins

Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Marc K. Roberts
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist

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 Knotwell called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m..

1 . H.B. 129 Campaign Amendments (Hall, C.)

Rep. Craig Hall explained the bill with the assistance of Rep. Stephanie Pitcher.

Ms. Teri McCabe, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Elizabeth Payne, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass H.B. 129 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. T. Seegmiller

2 . H.B. 102 Campaign Funds Uses Amendments (Pitcher, S.)

MOTION: Rep. V. Peterson moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-9

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. T. Seegmiller

3 . H.B. 52 Remote Notarization Standards (Hall, C.)

Rep. Craig Hall explained the bill with the assistance of Jen Storie, Notary Public Administrator, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and Scott L. Phippen, Branch Manager, Security National Mortgage.

A video shown was shown to the committee.

A handout, "2018-19 Remote Notarial Legislative Activity" was distributed to the committee.

Joseph Rust, attorney, spoke to the bill.

Steve Hiatt, Old Republic Title, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lyman moved to replace H.B. 52 with 1st Substitute H.B. 52. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-0

MOTION: Vice Chair Lyman moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 52 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 52

1. Page 19, Line 564:

564 of a class ~~{A}~~ B misdemeanor.

2. Page 20, Line 586:

586 official seal in violation of this section is guilty of a class ~~{+}B{+}~~~~{A-}~~ misdemeanor.

3. Page 20, Lines 597 through 600:

597 (3) It is a class ~~{+}B{+}~~~~{A-}~~ misdemeanor, if not otherwise a criminal offense under this code,
598 for:

599 (a) a notary to violate a provision of this chapter; or

600 (b) ~~{the employer of a notary}~~ a notary's employer to solicit the notary to violate a provision of this chapter.

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

MOTION: Rep. Stenquist moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 52 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

4 . H.B. 64 Lobbyist Expenditures Amendments (McKell, M.)

Rep. Mike K. McKell explained the bill with the assistance of Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to amend H.B. 64 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 1.

Amendment 1
H.B. 64

1. Page 6, Lines 171 through 174:

171 (A) that is sponsored by a governmental entity, a public school, a charter school, or an
172 organization that represents only local governmental entities, public schools, or charter schools,
173 including the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Utah
174 Association of Special Districts, ~~{-or-}~~ the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools , the Utah School Boards Association, or the Utah School Superintendents Association ; or

Yeas-8

Nays-2

Absent-1

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. M. Roberts

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to pass H.B. 64 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. M. Roberts

5 . H.B. 34 Campaign Finance Amendments (Perry, L.)

Rep. Lee B. Perry explained the bill with the assistance of Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, spoke to the bill.

Howard Stephenson, President, Utah Taxpayers Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Connor Boyack, President, Libertas Institute, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to hold H.B. 34. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-0

6 . H.B. 60 Division of Facilities Construction and Management Property Amendments (Brooks, W.)

Rep. Walt Brooks explained the bill with the assistance of Jim Russell, Director, Division of Facilities Construction and Management.

Charles Stormont, Director of Right of Way and Property Management, Utah Department of Transportation, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to replace H.B. 60 with 1st Substitute H.B. 60. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. M. Roberts

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 60 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 60

1. Page 23, Lines 685 through 686:

685 (b) ensure that the buyer acquires proper title and that the division receives the net
686 proceeds of the sale.

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. M. Roberts

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 60 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. M. Roberts

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

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. M. Roberts

Chair Knotwell adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.