



# MINUTES

## HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 | 4:00 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

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

**1 . 2nd Sub. S.B. 26 Governmental Nonprofit Corporation Act Amendments (Henderson, D.)**

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson explained the bill.

Susan Speirs, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kate Rubalcava, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Nonprofits Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to replace 2nd Substitute S.B. 26 with 3rd Substitute S.B. 26. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Roberts

**MOTION:** Rep. Hawkins moved to pass 3rd Substitute S.B. 26 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Roberts

**2 . H.B. 133 Initiative Amendments (Daw, B.)**

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

Olivia Horlacher, Keep My Voice, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wendy Garvin, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Lauren Simpson, Policy Fellow, Alliance for a Better Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to replace H.B. 133 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 133. 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. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. M. Roberts

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 133 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 2.

Yeas-7

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-2

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost

Absent-2

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. M. Roberts

**3 . H.B. 309 Elections Modifications (McKell, M.)**

Rep. Mike K. McKell explained the bill.

Phill Wright, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dalane England, Chapter President, United Women's Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

David Owen, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Taylor Williams, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Teena Horlacher, resident, spoke to the bill.

Wendy Garvin, resident, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass H.B. 309 out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 6 - 2 - 3.

Yeas-6

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Nays-2

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost

Absent-3

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. M. Roberts  
Rep. J. Stenquist

**4 . H.B. 195 Initiative and Referendum Amendments (*Handy, S.*)**

Rep. Stephen G. Handy explained the bill with the assistance of Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Olivia Horlacher, Keep My Voice, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Nils Bergeson, State Vice Chair, United Utah Party spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to replace H.B. 195 with 1st Substitute H.B. 195. 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. Lyman moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 195 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

**Amendment 1**  
**1st Sub. H.B. 195**

1. Page 6, Lines 174 through 175:

174 (d) In order for the signature to be removed, the statement must be received by the  
175 county clerk before ~~{-May}~~ March 15.

2. Page 7, Lines 193 through 194:

193 (2) [(a)] No later than [~~May 1~~] ~~{-March 15-}~~ April 1 before the regular general election, the county  
194 clerk shall:

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. Daw moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 195 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 1.

Yeas-9

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. J. Stenquist

Nays-1

Rep. T. Seegmiller

Absent-1

Rep. M. Roberts

**5 . H.B. 145 Citizen Political Process Amendments (Thurston, N.)**

Rep. Norman K. Thurston explained the bill.

A handout "Keep My Voice" was distributed to the committee.

[Keep My Voice](#)

Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Taylor Williams, Keep My Voice, spoke in favor of the bill.

Teena Horlacher, citizen, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to replace H.B. 145 with 1st Substitute H.B. 145. 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. Knotwell  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Roberts  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. J. Hawkins

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 145 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. Knotwell  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Roberts  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. J. Hawkins

**6 . H.B. 119 Initiatives, Referenda, and Other Political Activities (Daw, B.)**

Rep. Daw explained the bill with the assistance of Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns.

A handout "Referendum Process Comparison" was distributed to the committee.

[Referendum Process Comparison](#)

A handout "HB 119" was distributed to the committee.

[HB 119](#)

David Ure, Director, Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, spoke in favor of the bill.

Paul Baker, Unite for Holladay, spoke to the bill.

Mike Ostermiller, Utah Property Rights Coalition, and Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steven Doxey, Unite for Holladay, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Elections Director, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Craig Smith, attorney, Smith Hartvigsen, spoke to the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to replace H.B. 119 with 1st Substitute H.B. 119. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. V. Peterson

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. V. Peterson

**MOTION:** Rep. Lyman moved to saunter for five minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. V. Peterson

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to cease to saunter. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Roberts  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. J. Stenquist

**7 . 1st Sub. S.B. 108 Modifications to Government Records Provisions (*Harper, W.*)**

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 108 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Rep. Lyman assumed the chair.

**8 . H.B. 387 Boards and Commissions Amendments (*Knotwell, J.*)**

Rep. Knotwell explained the bill.

A handout "Rebalancing Legislative Workload" was distributed to the committee.

[Rebalancing Legislative Workload](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to replace H.B. 387 with 1st Substitute H.B. 387. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 387 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Chair Lyman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.