



MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY

STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 11, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
 Rep. Walt Brooks, Vice Chair
 Rep. Patrice M. Arent
 Rep. Scott H. Chew
 Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
 Rep. Joel Ferry
 Rep. Stephen G. Handy
 Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist
 Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Members Absent:

Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Staff Present:

Ms. Sarah J. Balland, Policy Analyst
 Ms. Mary Stringham, Session Secretary

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

Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Stenquist moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Albrecht
 Rep. P. Arent
 Rep. S. Chew
 Rep. K. Christofferson
 Rep. S. Handy
 Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. W. Brooks
 Rep. J. Ferry
 Rep. A. Romero
 Rep. K. Stratton
 Rep. E. Weight

1 . H.J.R. 24 Joint Rules Resolution on Legislative Broadcast and Materials Access (Ivory, K.)

Rep. Ken Ivory presented H.J.R. 24.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to pass H.J.R. 24 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht
 Rep. P. Arent
 Rep. W. Brooks
 Rep. S. Chew
 Rep. K. Christofferson
 Rep. S. Handy
 Rep. A. Romero
 Rep. J. Stenquist
 Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Ferry
 Rep. E. Weight

2 . 1st Sub. S.B. 150 Energy Balancing Account Amendments (Hemmert, D.)

Rep. V. Lowry Snow presented 1st Sub. S.B. 150 with the assistance of Mr. Jon Cox, Vice President of Government Affairs at Rocky Mountain Power.

Ms. Michele Beck, Director at the Office of Consumer Services, Utah Department of Commerce, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stenquist moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 150 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. E. Weight

3 . S.B. 213 Blockchain Technology Act (Hemmert, D.)

Rep. Daniel Hemmert presented S.B. 213.

Mr. Mark Griffin, Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Overstock.com, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to amend S.B. 213 with Amendment #2.

Amendment 2
S.B. 213

1. Page 1, Lines 16 through 22:

- 16 ▸ creates a legislative task force to:
17 • study the potential applications of blockchain technology to government
18 services;
19 • review current uses of blockchain technology by governments in other states and
20 countries;
21 • ~~{recommend}~~ consider recommending a pilot project for blockchain technology in Utah at a state or
22 municipal level;

2. Page 5, Lines 124 through 129:

- 124 (7) The task force shall:
125 (a) review the potential applications of blockchain technology to government services;
126 (b) review current uses of blockchain technology by governments in other states or
127 countries;
128 (c) ~~{recommend}~~ consider recommending a pilot project for blockchain technology in Utah at a state or
municipal
129 level; and

Rep. Arent's motion to amend S.B. 213 with Amendment #2 passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass S.B. 213 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

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

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.