



# MINUTES

## SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Kathleen Riebe  
Sen. Todd Weiler

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams

**Staff Present:**

Samantha D. Brucker, Policy Analyst  
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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM.

**1 . S.B. 64 Special District Communications Amendments (*Fillmore, L.*)**

Sen Fillmore explained the bill.

Ryan Lusty, Manager, Magna Mosquito Abatement District, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to replace S.B. 64 with 1st Substitute S.B. 64. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson

Sean Amodt, Manager, Southwest Mosquito Abatement District, spoke in opposition to the bill.

LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association Special Districts, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 64 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to approve the minutes for January 30, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson

**2 . S.J.R. 4 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution – Filling Judicial Vacancies (Mayne, K.)**

Sen. Mayne requested that S.J.R.4 and SB 60 be consider at the next meeting.

**3 . S.B. 42 Ballot Security Amendments (Iwamoto, J.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to amend S.B. 42 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1  
S.B. 42

1. Page 1, Lines 7 through 14:

7 LONG TITLE

8 General Description:

9 This bill requires an election officer to provide a means of covering { a voter's signature  
10 on an affidavit to ensure that the signature for } certain information provided with a ballot to ensure that the  
information is not visible during mailing.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

13 ▸ requires an election officer to provide a means of covering { a voter's signature on an  
14 affidavit to ensure that the signature for } certain information provided with a ballot to ensure that the  
information is not visible during mailing.

2. Page 3, Lines 61 through 62:

61 (5) An election officer shall provide a means of covering a voter's signature on an  
62 affidavit for a ballot, and any accompanying email address, to ensure that the signature { for a ballot is } , and  
any accompanying email address, are not visible during mailing.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson

Sen. Iwamoto explained the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk Auditor, Chair, Utah Association of Clerks, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lannie Chapman, Chief Deputy Clerk, Salt Lake County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Josh Daniels, Chief Deputy Clerk, Utah County Elections, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to amend S.B. 42 with Amendment #5. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 5  
S.B. 42

1. Page 3, Lines 61 through 62:

61 (5) After January 1, 2021, {An} an election officer shall provide a means of covering a voter's signature on  
an  
62 affidavit to ensure that the signature for a ballot is not visible during mailing.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass S.B. 42 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson

**4 . S.B. 76 Governmental Immunity Revisions (Weiler, T.)**

Sen. Weiler explained the bill.

Daniel Burton, Utah Attorney General's Office, spoke in favor the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to pass S.B. 76 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**5 . S.B. 90 Procurement Code Amendments (Buxton, D. G.)**

Sen. Buxton explained the bill.

Chris Hughes, Utah Chief Procurement Officer, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 90 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**6 . H.B. 36 Election Amendments (Harrison, S.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to amend H.B. 36 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 36

1. Page 58, Lines 1791 through 1792:

1791 (c) A voter shall provide the completed alternate address request form to the election  
1792 officer no later than 11 days before the day { on which the election officer mails ballots to voters } of the  
election .

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Rep. Harrison explained the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Chief Deputy, Davis County Clerk, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to pass H.B. 36 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to place H.B. 36 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**7 . H.C.R. 1 Resolution Recognizing the 250th Anniversary (semiquincentennial) of the United States of America (Winder, M.)**

Rep. Winder explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to pass H.C.R. 1 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**8 . H.J.R. 4 Joint Resolution Establishing K9 Veterans Day (Lisonbee, K.)**

Rep. Lisonbee explained the bill.

Dennis Howland, National At-Large-Director, Vietnam Veterans of America, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to pass H.J.R. 4 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**9 . H.B. 44 Fort Douglas Military Museum Amendments (*Ray, P.*)**

Rep. Ray explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Ipson moved to pass H.B. 44 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**10 . H.B. 31 Local Government and Limited Purpose Entity Registry Amendments (*Handy, S.*)**

Rep. Handy explained the bill.

Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Lt. Governor's Office, spoke to the bill

**MOTION:** Sen. Ipson moved to pass H.B. 31 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-1

Sen. K. Riebe

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Sen. Ipson assumed the chair.

**11 . S.B. 28 Ballot and Voter Information Amendments (*Thatcher, D.*)**

Sen. Thatcher explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to replace S.B. 28 with 1st Substitute S.B. 28. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 1.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-1

Sen. K. Riebe

Absent-1

Sen. J. Adams

Ricky Hatch, Utah Association of Counties, spoke to the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 28 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.



Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

SJR004, SB0060, SB0083 and HCR002 were not considered in the meeting.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Chair Ipson adjourned the meeting at 3:11 PM