



# MINUTES

## SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 28, 2020 | 8:45 a.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Don L. Ipson

**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 8:49 a.m.

**1 . S.C.R. 9 Concurrent Resolution Addressing Olympics (Hemmert, D.)**

Sen. Hemmert explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to pass S.C.R. 9 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

**2 . S.B. 156 General Session Date Amendments (Millner, A.)**

Sen. Millner explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass S.B. 156 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

**3 . 1st Sub. H.B. 98 Offenses Against the Administration of Government Amendments (Hall, C.)**

Rep. Hall explained the bill.

Ezekiel Lee, Legislative Affairs, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in favor of the bill.

Victoria Ashby, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 98 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

**4 . 1st Sub. H.C.R. 15 Concurrent Resolution Urging a State Funeral for the Last WWII Medal of Honor Recipient (*Daw, B.*)**

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

Rep. Peterson, Brigadier General, Utah National Guard, was invited to speak to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to pass 1st Substitute H.C.R. 15 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

**5 . H.B. 293 Longevity Amendments (*Peterson, V.*)**

Rep. Peterson explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 293 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

**6 . H.C.R. 8 Concurrent Resolution Commending Successful Participation in the Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Program (*Roberts, M.*)**

Rep. Roberts explained the bill.

Kory Holdaway spoke in favor of the bill.

Catherine Weller, Co-President, Utah League of Women Voters, spoke in favor of the bill.

Stan Lockhart, Chairman, Utah Rank Choice Voting, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.C.R. 8 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 3.

Yeas-3

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

Nays-1

Sen. D. Thatcher

Absent-3

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



**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to approve the minutes for February 24,2020. 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. Buxton moved to adjourn. 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

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM.