



MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 22, 2021 | 7:30 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto

Sen. John D. Johnson
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present:

Samantha D. Brucker, Policy Analyst
Kristen Anderson, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:28 a.m.

1 . S.B. 62 Gubernatorial Transfer of Power (Ipson, D.)

Sen. Ipson presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass S.B. 62 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Riebe

2 . H.B. 211 Initiatives and Referenda Amendments (Thurston, N.)

Rep. Thurston presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Justin Lee, Director of Elections, State of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to amend H.B. 211 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.B. 211

1. Page 41, Line 1240:

1240 (b) a statement indicating that each of the sponsors[:-(+)] is {a resident of} registered to vote in Utah;
[and]

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Iwamoto

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 211 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Iwamoto

3 . S.B. 218 Aviation Amendments (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Harper presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to pass S.B. 218 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

4 . 1st Sub. H.B. 173 Vote Reporting Requirements (*Hall, C.*)

Rep. Hall presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 173 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

5 . 1st Sub. H.B. 96 Emergency Management Amendments (*Harrison, S.*)

Rep. Harrison presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 96 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

6 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 312 State Residency Amendments (Teuscher, J.)

Rep Teuscher presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 312 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

7 . 3rd Sub. H.B. 197 Voter Affiliation Amendments (Teuscher, J.)

Rep. Teuscher presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

George Chapman, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 197 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 2.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-2

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson

8 . S.B. 201 Public Notice Amendments (Mayne, K.)

Sen. Vickers assumed the chair.

Sen. Mayne presented the bill.

Lincoln Shirts, Utah Association of Counties, West Valley City, additionally presented the bill.

Brian Allfey, Executive Director, Utah Press Association, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass S.B. 201 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson

9 . H.B. 276 Notary Public Amendments (Nelson, M.)

Rep. Nelson presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 276 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson

Sen. Thatcher resumed the chair.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to place H.B. 276 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher

10 . 1st Sub. H.B. 270 Property Tax Valuation Amendments (Hawkes, T.)

Rep. Hawkes presented the bill.

Rebecca Rockwell, Utah State Tax Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 270 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson

11 . 1st Sub. H.B. 70 Ballot Tracking Amendments (Johnson, D.N.)

Sen. Vickers assumed the chair.

Rep. Johnson presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 70 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher

12 . H.B. 293 Open Meeting Minutes Amendments (*Petersen, M.*)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to replace H.B. 293 with 1st Substitute H.B. 293. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 293 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher

13 . 1st Sub. H.B. 152 Ballot Information Amendments (*Stenquist, J.*)

Rep. Stenquist presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 152 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 2.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-2

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. E. Vickers

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher

14 . 2nd Sub. H.C.R. 11 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Utah's Clerks and Election Workers for Their Performance Related to Utah's 2020 Election (*Briscoe, J.*)

Rep. Briscoe presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.C.R. 11 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher

Acting Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.