



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Rep. Norman K. Thurston, Vice Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher

Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Members Absent:

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Staff Present:

Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Maloy called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

1. H.B. 209 Federalism Commission Amendments (*Ivory, K.*)

Rep. Ivory presented the bill assisted by Jen Brown, President, Utah Citizens for the Constitution. He distributed handouts.

[Federalism](#)

[Citizens United for the Constitution](#)

[Heartland Institute](#)

Brooke Stevens, Education Director, Utah Parents United, spoke in support to the bill.

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke in opposition to the bill

Christian Renie Laranie spoke in support of the bill.

Delane England, United Women's Forum spoke to the bill

Darin Bushman, Piute County Commissioner, and Chair, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in support of the bill.

Leland Pollock, Chair, Garfield County Commission, spoke in support of the bill.

Paul Cozzens, Iron County Commissioner, spoke in support of the bill.

Dennis Blackburn, Wayne County Commissioner, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION:

Rep. Lyman moved to replace H.B. 209 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 209. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 209 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 6 - 3.

Yeas - 2

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman

Nays - 6

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

2. H.B. 334 State Engineer Modifications (*Hawkes, T.*)

Rep. Hawkes presented the bill assisted by Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer, Utah Division of Water Rights.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 334 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. D. Welton

3. 2nd Sub. S.B. 63 Bereavement Leave Amendments (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Harper presented the bill.

Kendle Zdunic, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in support of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 63 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. D. Welton

4. H.B. 337 Office of the Education Ombudsman (*Lisonbee, K.*)

Rep. Lisonbee presented the bill.

[Parents United](#)

Nichole Mason, President, Utah Parents United, spoke in support of the bill.

Alan Knight, former school teacher, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to go to the next item on the agenda.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to replace H.B. 337 with 1st Substitute H.B. 337. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to go to the next item on the agenda.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 337 out favorably. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 3 - 4 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy

Nays - 4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

5. S.C.R. 1 Concurrent Resolution Authorizing State Pick up of Public Safety and Firefighter Employee Retirement Contributions (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Harper presented the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass S.C.R. 1 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

6. H.B. 313 Election Security Amendments (*Hawkins, J.*)

Rep. Hawkins presented the bill assisted by Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Lt. Governor's Office, and Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Arturo Morales, Chairman, Utah Republican Latino Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

Wendy Hart spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sophie Anderson spoke in opposition to the bill.

Nathan Duell, Heritage Action for America, spoke in support of the bill.

Adam Beidoun spoke in opposition to the bill.

Curtis Koch spoke in support of the bill.

Deidre Henderson, Lt. Governor, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to replace H.B. 313 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 313. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 313 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

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

Yeas - 8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

Chair Maloy adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m..

NOTE: 02nd Substitute S.B. 0082 was not discussed in the meeting.