



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 | 3:40 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Hawkins, Chair
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott, Vice Chair
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Tyler Clancy
Rep. James F. Cobb
Rep. Brian S. King

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst
Shay Berger, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order.

1. S.B. 15 Juvenile Offender Penalty Amendments (*Pitcher, S.*)

Sen. Pitcher introduced the bill.

Will Carlson, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Pam Vickrey, Member of the Sentencing Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dan Strong, Director of the Sentencing Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kayley Richards, Juvenile Justice Specialist Utah Board of Juvenile Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to pass S.B. 15 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. Abbott assumed the chair.

2. H.B. 210 Justice Court Changes (*Hawkins, J.*)

Rep. Hawkins introduced the bill with Michael Drechsel.

Robert Van Dyke, Kane County Attorney, Kane County, spoke against the bill.

Justin Lee, Director of Government Relations from the League of Utah Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to replace H.B. 210 with 1st Substitute H.B. 210. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Rohner motioned to move onto the next item on the agenda.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Lisonbee moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 210 out favorably. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 7 - 5 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee

Nays - 5

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Absent - 0

Rep. Hawkins assumed the chair.

3. H.J.R. 7 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Legislative Power Relating to Civil Action for Child Sexual Abuse (Ivory, K.)

[Handout for HJR7](#)

Rep. Ivory introduced the bill with Deondra Brown and Rabi Avremi Zippel, Utah Crimes Victim Council.

Terry Mitchell, survivor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rocky Anderson, Legal Counsel for Terry Mitchell, spoke in favor of the bill.

[Handout from Rocky Anderson for HJR7](#)

Adam Sorenson, Salt Lake City Attorney, spoke in favor of the bill.

Judy Larson, Board of Directors for Survivors Network for those Abused by Priests, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ginger Uteley, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kelly Curtis, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Wheatley moved to pass H.J.R. 7 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 1

Rep. N. Abbott

Absent - 1

Rep. K. Lisonbee

4. H.B. 251 Court Amendments (*Brammer, B.*)

Rep. Brammer introduced the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to replace H.B. 251 with 1st Substitute H.B. 251. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. K. Lisonbee

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 251 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. K. Lisonbee

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. K. Lisonbee