



MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 2, 2023 | 3:40 p.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Vice Chair
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. John D. Johnson
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Jen Plumb
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
President J. S. Adams

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 2

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

1. S.B. 142 Ballot Delivery Amendments (*Blouin, N.*)

Sen. Nate Blouin presented the bill with the assistance of Lannie Chapman, Salt Lake County Clerk.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to go to the next agenda item S.B. 142.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to pass S.B. 142 out favorably.

Point of order - It was noted that public comment had not been allowed, so motions were withdrawn to allow public comment.

Whit Cook, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to replace S.B. 142 with 1st Substitute S.B. 142. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 142 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Plumb moved to hold 1st Substitute S.B. 142. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

2. H.B. 75 State Commemorative Periods Amendments (Thurston, N.)

Rep. Norman Thurston presented the bill.

Sen. Buxton assumed the chair.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to replace H.B. 75 with 1st Substitute H.B. 75. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 75 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 167 State Child Care Amendments (Matthews, A.)

Rep. Ashlee Matthews presented the bill.

Kory Holdaway, Utah Private Child Care Association, spoke to the bill.

Todd Losser, Executive Director, Utah Public Employee's Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Plumb moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 167 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

4. H.B. 181 Offender Employment Amendments (Matthews, A.)

Rep. Matthews presented the bill.

Kevin Burt, Deputy Director, Department of Workforce Services spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Winterton resumed the chair.

Todd Losser, Executive Director, Utah Public Employee's Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Whit Cook, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke to the bill.

Dave Burton, former Information Technology Director, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 181 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.