



MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 10, 2023 | 9:00 a.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 9:05 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. D. Thatcher

1. H.B. 257 Greenbelt Property Amendments (Kyle, J)

Chair Winterton, Senate Sponsor, presented the bill.

Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 257 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. D. Thatcher

2. S.R. 1 Senate Resolution Supporting Washington D.C. Statehood (Blouin, N.)

Sen. Nathan Blouin presented the bill.

Rachel Wright, former citizen of Washington, D.C., spoke in favor of the bill.

Lyla Mahmoud, Legislative and Policy Counsel, ACLU of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Fred Hayes, spoke against the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to hold S.R. 1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher

3. 2nd Sub. H.B. 269 Election Audit Requirements (Schultz, M.)

Rep. Mike Schultz presented the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Utah Lieutenant Governor's office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk and representing the county clerks of the state of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Whit Cook, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Fred Hayes spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 269 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher

4. H.B. 162 Voter Accessibility Amendments (Gwynn, M.)

Sen. Pitcher, Senate Sponsor, presented the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Utah Lieutenant Governor's office spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk and representing the county clerks of the state of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nick Crippes, Public Affairs Supervising Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 162 out favorably. 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. Johnson moved to adjourn. 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

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.