



# MINUTES

## HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY

### STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 23, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair  
Rep. Colin W. Jack, Vice Chair  
Rep. James Cobb  
Rep. Joseph Elison  
Rep. Quinn Kotter  
Rep. Carol S. Moss  
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner  
Rep. Angela Romero

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Jason Kyle  
Rep. Phil Lyman  
Rep. Michael J. Petersen

**Staff Present:**

Samantha D. Brucker, Managing 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Jack called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. Q. Kotter  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. J. Rohner

**1. H.C.R. 9 Concurrent Resolution Concerning the Shutdown of Utah's Power by the Federal Government (Schultz, M.)**

Rep. Schultz presented the resolution.

Nathaniel Johnson, Executive Director, Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, spoke in support of the resolution.

Joan Entwistle, Park City, spoke in opposition to the resolution.

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to amend H.C.R. 9 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1  
H.C.R. 009

1. Page 1, Lines 10 through 12:

10 This resolution highlights the state's need to protect and defend against federal  
11 government regulations that jeopardize the state's right to an affordable, reliable, and  
12 ~~{sustainable}~~ dispatchable energy supply.

2. Page 1, Lines 21 through 23:

21 WHEREAS, the state has employed to great success a measured, all-of-the-above  
22 energy policy that has powered decades of prosperity and provided some of the nation's most  
23 reliable ~~{and affordable}~~ , affordable, and dispatchable energy;

3. Page 2, Lines 33 through 34:

33 WHEREAS, the closure of these certain power plants will put the state's supply of  
34 reliable, affordable, and dispatchable power at significant risk{~~within a few years~~};

4 . Page 2, Lines 43 through 45:

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature and the Governor will support and  
44 defend our right, as a state's right, to an affordable, reliable, and {~~sustainable~~} dispatchable energy supply  
from  
45 any harmful federal encroachment.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. Q. Kotter  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Petersen

**MOTION:** Rep. Elison moved to pass H.C.R. 9 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. Q. Kotter  
Rep. J. Rohner

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Petersen

**2. H.B. 470 Government Record Amendments (Cutler, P.)**

Rep. Cutler presented the bill assisted by Alan Fuller, Chief Information Officer, State of Utah.

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Mary Ann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dr. Ronald Mortensen, Phd., citizen, spoke to the bill.

Jason Chipman, Director of Government Affairs, Libertas Institute, spoke in support of the bill.

Christopher Bramwell, Government Operations Privacy Officer, spoke in support of the bill.

Dave Burton, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County Commissioner and Executive Secretary, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cobb moved to replace H.B. 470 with 1st Substitute H.B. 470. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8  
Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. Q. Kotter  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Petersen

**MOTION:** Rep. Rohner moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 470 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1  
1st Sub. H.B. 470

1. Page 3, Lines 74 through 79:  
74 (b) create a pilot program for the implementation of digital verifiable credentials by  
75 governmental entities; and  
76 (c) report to { [Government Operations Interim Committee](#) } [Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim  
Committee](#) by October 31, 2023, on the  
77 duties described in Subsections (2)(a) and (b).  
78 (3) In performing the duties described in Subsections (2)(a) and (b), the Division of  
79 Technology Services shall consult with:

Yeas - 8  
Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. Q. Kotter  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Petersen

**MOTION:** Rep. Cobb moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 470 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 7  
Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 1  
Rep. Q. Kotter

Absent - 3  
Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Petersen

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

Yeas - 8  
Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. Q. Kotter  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Petersen



Chair Jack adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.