



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

# DRAFT MINUTES

## SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 | 2:00 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. Stuart 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

### 1. 1st Sub. H.B. 350 Adoption Modifications (*Gricius, S.*)

Rep. Stephanie Gricius presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 350 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

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

### 2. 1st Sub. H.B. 482 Archaeological Resources Amendments (*Owens, D.*)

Rep. Doug Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Chris Merritt, State Historic Preservation Officer.

Wade Garrett, VP - Advocacy & Strategic Relationships, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor the bill.

Tim Hawkes, former representative, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 482 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

**3. 1st Sub. H.B. 509 Criminal Protective Order Amendments (Stoddard, A.)**

Rep. Andrew Stoddard presented the bill.

Alexandra Allen, Assistant Director, Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 509 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

**4. H.B. 492 Abuse of Personal Identity Act Amendments (Wilcox, R.)**

Rep. Ryan Wilcox presented the bill with the assistance of Ritchie Englehardt, Head of Government Affairs, Ancestry.

Dereck Brown, Ancestry, answered committee members questions.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 492 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

Chair Winterton announced the committee would saunter.

**5. 2nd Sub. H.B. 507 Firearm Possession Revisions (Lyman, P.)**

Rep. Phil Lyman presented the bill.

Will Carlson, Salt Lake County District Attorney's office spoke against the bill.

Jeff Buhman, Executive Director, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke against the bill.

Greg Willmore, Director of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, Utah Department of Public Safety, spoke against the bill.

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

George Chapman, citizen, spoke against the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to reverse the Floor Amendments.



After consulting the policy analyst and legal counsel, Chair Winterton determined that motion would not be in order and it would be better to substitute it on the floor.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 507 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 1

Sen. J. Plumb

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to adjourn.

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.