

Interim Committee Bill Actions

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Potential Motions

• Legislative Rule <u>JR7-1-608</u> allows for three different motions

Motions:

- Move to the next item on the agenda;
- Move to amend the draft legislation; or
- · Move to favorably recommend the draft legislation as a committee bill.



Motions to Amend

- Legislative Rule <u>JR7-1-609</u> governs motions to amend.
- An amendment must be:
 - "germane to the subject of the draft legislation;" and
 - "sufficiently clear to allow the members of the authorized legislative committee to know how the draft legislation will read when the verbal amendment is incorporated into the draft legislation"
- Committee members may make a point of order if the amendment requirements are not met.



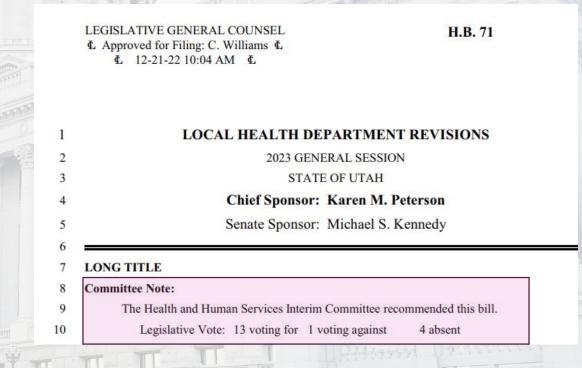
Motion to Favorably Recommend

- Potential motion language:
 - "I move to favorably recommend the draft legislation as a committee bill."
- Joint Legislative rules require a favorable recommendation to be by a majority vote.
- For interim committees, a majority vote means:
 - an affirmative vote of at least 50% of a quorum of members from one chamber and more than 50% of a quorum of members from the other chamber. Legislative Rule JR7-1-101.



Effect of a Favorable Recommendation

- A bill that receives favorable recommendation as a committee bill:
 - Is assigned a bill number for the General Session (e.g. H.B. 71); and
 - Receives a committee note (see shaded box in image).
- Relevant Rules:
 - <u>JR7-1-610</u>, <u>JR4-2-401</u>, and <u>JR4-2-501</u>.





Effect of a Unanimous Favorable Recommendation

• The Rules Committees <u>may</u> recommend that the bill bypass a standing committee hearing if the bill has a committee note with a favorable recommendation by a unanimous vote.

 Nevertheless, both the House and Senate Rules Committees have the discretion to refer a bill that has a committee note with a favorable recommendation by a unanimous vote to a standing committee.



Effect of No Favorable Recommendation

• Legislative Rule <u>JR7-1-610</u> specifies that committee bill files that do not receive a favorable recommendation by the conclusion of the last interim meeting of the year are abandoned.

 Legislators can open personal bill files to sponsor legislation that was abandoned.



