



# MINUTES

## SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair  
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:**

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

**1. S.C.R. 2 Concurrent Resolution Honoring the 100th Year Anniversary of the Utah Association of Counties (Vickers, E.)**

Sen. Vickers presented the bill.

Zeke Lee, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass S.C.R. 2 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb

**2. S.B. 81 County Clerk Amendments (Weiler, T.)**

Sen. Todd Weiler presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Winterton moved to replace S.B. 81 with 1st Substitute S.B. 81. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb

Olivia Dawn, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke to the bill.

Aaron Davidson, Utah County Clerk, spoke to the bill.

Tracy Shaw, Tooele County Clerk, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, World Wide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 81 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. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. E. Vickers

### **3. S.B. 107 Unaffiliated Candidate Amendments (*Weiler, T.*)**

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to replace S.B. 107 with 1st Substitute S.B. 107. 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. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. E. Vickers

Olivia Dawn, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brody Bailey, Election Coordinator, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Pitcher moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 107 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. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. E. Vickers

### **4. S.B. 90 Technical Code Amendments (*Kwan, K.*)**

Sen. Kwan presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Plumb moved to pass S.B. 90 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. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. E. Vickers

**5. S.B. 94 Elections Records Amendments (Kwan, K.)**

Sen. Kwan presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass S.B. 94 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. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Winterton moved to adjourn. 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. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

NOTE: H.B. 0010, H.B. 0024 were not discussed in the meeting.