



MINUTES

SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 15, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Todd D. Weiler, Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Michael S. Kennedy

Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

Members Absent:

Staff Present:
Lacey Johnson, Policy Analyst
Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Weiler called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Kennedy moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

1. S.B. 213 Criminal Justice Modifications (Cullimore, K. A.)

MOTION: Sen. Cullimore moved to replace S.B. 213 with 1st Substitute S.B. 213. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

Sen. Cullimore presented the bill.

Scott Stephenson, Chair, Board of Pardons and Parole, spoke in favor of the bill.

Will Carlson, Chief Policy Advisor, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke to the bill.

Tom Ross, Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kennedy moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 213 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

2. H.J.R. 22 Joint Resolution Regarding District Court Operations (Peterson, V.)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kennedy moved to pass H.J.R. 22 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 2

Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 156 Burglary Amendments (*Jack, C.*)

Rep. Jack presented the bill.

Steve Burton, Director, Defense Attorney's Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jeff Buhman, Director, Statewide Association of Prosecutors and Public Attorneys (SWAPP), spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kennedy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 156 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 2

Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

4. 1st Sub. H.B. 350 Criminal Intent Amendments (*Abbott, N.*)

Rep. Abbott presented the bill with the assistance of Will Carlson, Chief Policy Advisor, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office.

MOTION: Sen. Kennedy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 350 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 2

Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

MOTION: Sen. Kennedy moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 2

Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

NOTE: H.B. 0198, H.B. 0209 were not discussed in the meeting.