

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 405, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 5, 2002**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Craig W. Buttars, Chair
 Rep. David Clark, Vice Chair
 Rep. Ron Bigelow
 Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
 Rep. Afton B. Bradshaw
 Rep. Don E. Bush
 Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
 Rep. Neil A. Hansen
 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
 Rep. Patricia W. Jones
 Rep. Rebecca Lockhart

STAFF PRESENT: John Cannon, Research Analyst
 Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: List filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Buttars called the meeting to order at 3:51 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2002 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bradshaw, Rep. Bush, Rep. Duckworth and Rep. Clark absent for the vote.

H.B. 289 Independent Entity Privatization Amendments (*M. Stephens*)

Rep. Ron Bigelow introduced H.B. 289 and explained it to the committee. He was assisted by Duane Blackley of Utah Technology Finance Corporation.

George Sutton, general counsel to Utah Technology Finance Corporation, responded to questions of committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bradshaw and Rep. Duckworth absent for the vote.

H.B. 179 Designation of State Building (*G. Way*)

Rep. Way introduced H.B. 179 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Raylene Ireland, Director, Department of Administrative Services

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Hansen voting in opposition and Rep. Duckworth absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 19 Joint Rules Resolution Requiring Certain Special Session Procedures (C. Bennion)

Rep. Bennion introduced H.J.R. 19 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the resolution: Cassie Dippo, Common Cause of Utah
Sandy Peck, League of Women Voters

MOTION: Rep. Jones moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 178 Memorial Plaque of George E. Wahlen in the Capitol (G. Adair)

Rep. Adair introduced H.B. 178 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Terry Schow, Division of Veterans Affairs

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 124 Debt Collection Amendments (S. Allen)

MOTION: Rep. Bush moved to adopt in title and body 1st Substitute H.B. 124. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hansen absent for the vote.

Rep. Allen introduced 1st Substitute H.B. 124 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Raylene Ireland, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Gwen Anderson, Director, Office of State Debt Collection
Roger Autrey, Utah Association of Collectors

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to pass the substitute bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Bradshaw moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion failed with Rep. Bigelow and Rep. Hendrickson voting in opposition.

H.B. 98 Amendments to Whistle Blowers Statute (*N. Hansen*)

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, line 27: After "employee" insert ", or a person acting on his behalf,"
2. Page 2, line 29: After "engaged" insert "or intended to engage"
3. Page 2, line 30: Delete "subsequently"

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Rep. Hansen introduced the amended H.B. 98 and explained it to the committee. He was assisted by Mont Evans, representing the Utah Public Employees Association.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Roger Hoole, attorney
 Fred Van Der Veur, Utah Public Employees Association

Spoke against the bill: Alan Edwards, Director, Risk Management
 Shawn Guzman, Utah Association of Counties

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Bush, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. Clark, and Rep. Buttars voting in opposition. Rep. Bigelow and Rep. Bradshaw were absent for the vote.

S.B. 61 Government Records Access and Management - Records Related to Explosives (*B. Wright*)

Rep. Rebecca Lockhart introduced S.B. 61 and explained it to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Bush moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Bradshaw, and Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Bradshaw, and Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.