MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 6, 2004

Room 414, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Sen. Gregory Bell, Chair

Sen. Patrice M. Arent Sen. James M. Evans Sen. David L. Gladwell Sen. Mike Dmitrich Sen. L. Alma Mansell

Members Excused: Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard

Sen. D. Chris Buttars

Staff Present: Jami Momberger, Policy Analyst

Katrina Yarrington, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Elwood Powell, Chairman, Utah Shooting Sports Council

Fraser Nelson, Disability Law Center C.C. Horton, Assistant Attorney General

Mark Moffatt, Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Kent Hart, Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Jake Garn, former U.S. Senator

George Mantes, Utah Board of Regents

Sarah Oliphant, citizen

Leonard Wojcik, Board of Directors, Utah Shooting Sports Council

JoAnn Neilson, President, Utah PTA

Marla Kennedy, Executive Director, Gun Violence Prevention Center Thomas Griffiths, General Counsel, Brigham Young University

W. Clark Aposhian, National Rifle Association

Lorna R. Brown, citizen

Monica Whalen, President, The Employers Council

Diane Bohman, citizen

Carol Leer, State Board of Education

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Sen. Gladwell called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2004.

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The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Bell, Sen. Mansell, and Sen. Dmitrich absent for the vote.

1. S.B. 161 Judicial Conduct Commission (M. Waddoups)

Sen. Waddoups introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to pass S.B. 161 out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mansell, and Sen. Bell absent for the vote.

2. S.B. 49 Competency to Be Executed (D. Gladwell)

Sen. Gladwell introduced the bill assisted by C.C. Horton, Assistant Attorney General.

The following people spoke in opposition of the bill:

Fraser Nelson, Disability Law Center

Mark Moffatt, Chairman, Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Kent Hart, Secretary, Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to hold bill for one meeting.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Evans moved to pass S.B. 49 out with a favorable recommendation.

The substitute motion passed, with Sen. Arent voting in opposition and Sen. Mansell absent for the vote.

3. <u>S.B. 48 Uniform Firearm Laws</u> (M. Waddoups)

Sen. Waddoups introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dmitrich moved to amend S.B. 48 as follows:

1) Page 2, lines 52-53: Deletes lines 52 and 53

(2) Page 2, line 54: Delete "(7)" and insert "(6)"

The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Mansell absent for the vote.

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The following people spoke in support of the bill:
Sarah Oliphant, citizen
Elwood Powell, Chairman, Utah Shooting Sports Council
Leonard Wojcik, Board of Directors, Utah Shooting Sports Council
W. Clark Aposhian, National Rifle Association
Diane Bohman, citizen

The following people spoke in opposition of the bill:
George Mantes, State Board of Regents
Jake Garn, former U.S. Senator
JoAnn Neilson, President, Utah PTA
Marla Kennedy, Executive Director, Gun Violence Prevention Center
Carol Leer, State Board of Education
Lorna Brown, citizen
Monica Whalen, CEO, The Employers Council
Thomas Griffiths, General Counsel, Brigham Young University

MOTION: Sen. Evans moved to pass S.B. 48 out, as amended, with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed, with Sen. Arent voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Evans moved to adjourn.

Committee Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Katrina Yarrington, Secretary

Sen. Gregory S. Bell, Committee Chair