

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005  
ROOM W020, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present:            Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Chair  
                                      Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
                                      Sen. Karen Hale  
                                      Sen. Bill Hickman

Member Absent:            Sen. Gene Davis

Staff Present:              Phillip Dean, Policy Analyst  
                                      Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present:    Arie Van De Graaff, Utah Assn. of Counties  
                                      Fraser Nelson, Director, Disability Law Center  
                                      Scott Hogensen, Weber County Elections Administrator  
                                      Rozan Mitchell, Asst. Elections Manager, Salt Lake County  
                                      Mike Mower, Governor's Office  
                                      John Bennett, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget  
                                      Eric Johnson, Utah Public Employee Association  
                                      Steve Burns, Student  
                                      Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau Federation  
                                      Jocelyan Straight, CLEAR Project  
                                      Randy Knight, Utah American Legion  
                                      Robyn Allred

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

Committee Chair Hellewell called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**1.     S.B. 67 Election Law - Voter Requirements (M. Madsen)**

Sen. Madsen explained the bill.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Arie Van DeGraff, Utah Assn. of Counties  
Fraser Nelson, Director, Disability Law Center  
Scott Hogensen, Weber County Elections Administrator  
Rozan Mitchell, Asst. Elections Manager, Salt Lake County

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

2. **S.B. 231 Compensation of Lieutenant Governor and Other State Officers**  
(M. Madsen)

Sen. Madsen explained the bill.

Mike Mower, Governor's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

3. **H.B. 211S01 Integrity of Election Results Amendments** (J. Dougall)

At the request of the sponsor, this bill was not considered.

4. **H.B. 238 Utah Technology Commission Membership** (J. Dougall)

At the request of the sponsor, this bill was not considered.

5. **H.B. 128 Compensation of Executive Officers** (L. Christensen)

Rep. Christensen explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen Hickman moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 8 through 11*  
*House Floor Amendments*  
*2-21-2005:*

8 This bill establishes a salary for the attorney general on July 1,  
9 ~~{2009}~~ 2005 .

9 Highlighted Provisions:

10 This bill:

11 ► provides that the attorney general's salary on July 1, ~~{2009}~~ 2005 is  
95% of the governor's

2. *Page 2, Lines 30 through 30a*

*House Floor Amendments*

2-21-2005:

- 30 (b) Beginning July 1, ~~{2009}~~ 2005, the annual salary of the attorney  
general shall be ~~H~~→ the  
30a greater of ←~~H~~ 95% of

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill as amended.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

**6. S.B. 66 Procurement Code Bidding and Contractual Amendments (E. Mayne)**

Sen. Mayne explained the bill and then requested the bill be sent to Interim Study.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to return the bill to the Rules Committee for interim study.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

**7. H.B. 109 Information Technology Governance Amendments - (D. Clark)**

Rep. Clark explained the bill and asked that the fourth amendment to the bill be adopted.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to adopt the fourth amendment on the bill.

*1. Page 50, Lines 1522 through 1523*

*House Committee Amendments*

2-11-2005:

- 1522 (v) institutions of higher education ~~H~~→ ;  
1522a (vi) independent entities as defined in Section 63E-1-102; and  
1522b (vii) ~~{the state auditor's office}~~ elective constitutional offices of the  
executive department which includes:  
(A) the state auditor;  
(B) the state treasurer; and

1523            (C) the attorney general ←H .  
                  (8) "Executive branch strategic plan" means the executive branch strategic plan  
                  created

2. *Page 67, Lines 2073 through 2073a*  
*House Committee Amendments*  
*2-11-2005:*

2073            (f) an independent entity as defined in Section 63E-1-102 H→ ; and  
2073a           (g) { the state auditor's office } an elective constitutional officer of the  
                  executive department as defined in Subsection 63F-1-102(7)(b) ←H .

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Eric Johnson, Utah Public Employee Association  
Steve Burns, Student

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill as amended with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

8. **H.B. 226 Changes to Quality Growth Commission** (C. Buttars)

Rep. Buttars explained the bill.

Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

9. **H.B. 142 Issues Submitted to Voters** (G. Hughes)

This bill was not considered.

**10. H.B. 266 Changes to Quality Growth Commission (Rep. Buttars)**

Rep. Buttars explained the bill.

John Bennett, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget, commented that the commission is generally supportive of the bill although there were some concerns.

Tom Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau Federation spoke in support of the bill.

Jocelyan Straight, CLEAR Project, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

**11. H.B. 250 Capitol Complex Space (J. Alexander)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

**12. H.C.R. 14 Concurrent Resolution Honoring America's Military War Dogs  
(S. Mascaro)**

Rep. Mascaro and Randy Knight, Utah American Legion, explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen Hale absent for the vote.

**13. H.B. 346 Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Salary Adjustments (K. Morgan)**

Rep. Morgan explained the bill.

Robyn Allred, School for the Deaf and the Blind, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Hellewell adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

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Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Committee Chair