

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 25, 2005  
Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex**

Members Present: Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair  
Sen. Patrice M. Arent  
Sen. Gregory Bell  
Sen. Mark B. Madsen  
Sen. L. Alma Mansell  
Sen. David L. Thomas

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Sen. Lyle Hillyard

Staff Present: Jerry Howe, Policy Analyst  
Jeanne Wride, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Tony Schofield, 4th District Judge  
Kathlyn Astle, Citizen  
Ann Turner, Committee to stop FTAA  
Wallace McCormick, Citizen  
Sterling Smith, Citizen  
Michael Wims, Attorney General's Office  
Ken Wallentine, Dept. Of Public Safety

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

Chairman Buttars called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Sen. Thomas moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2005.

The motion passed with Sen. Arent and Sen. Mansell absent for the vote.

**1. S.B. 131 AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL POSITION (Sen. M. Madsen)**

Sen. Madsen presented the bill to the committee.

Tony Schofield, 4th District Judge, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to pass S. B. 131 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were: Sen. M. Dmitrich and Sen. L. Hillyard.

**2. S.R. 1 SENATE RESOLUTION DISCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS (Sen. D. Thomas)**

Sen. Thomas presented the bill to the committee.

Kathlyn Astle, Citizen; Ann Turner, Committee to stop FTAA; Wallace McCormick, Citizen; Sterling Smith, Citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thomas moved to pass S.R. 1 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed. Voting in the negative was Sen. G. Bell. Absent for the vote were: Sen. M. Dmitrich and Sen. L. Hillyard.

**3. S.B. 47 WRONGFUL LIEN OFFENSES (Sen. B. Evans)**

Sen. Evans presented the bill to the committee.

Mike Wims, Attorney General's Office, and Ken Wallentine, Chairman, ULELL Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thomas moved to pass S.B. 47 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were: Sen. M. Dmitrich and Sen. L. Hillyard.

Sen. Madsen assumed the Committee Chair.

**4. S.B.73 TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE (Sen. D. C. Buttars)**

Sen. Buttars presented the bill to the committee

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to pass S.B. 73 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were: Sen. M. Dmitrich and Sen. L. Hillyard.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Buttars adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Jeanne Wride, Committee Secretary

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Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Committee Chair