

Senator Howard A. Stephenson proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION RELATING TO**

2 **UNITED STATES SENATORS**

3 2006 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson**

6 House Sponsor: Rebecca D. Lockhart

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13	Thomas V. Hatch		

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15 **LONG TITLE**

16 **General Description:**

17 This bill addresses issues related to the 17th Amendment to the United States
18 Constitution, permits the Legislature to give direction to certain United States Senators
19 and receive certain reports from them, and directs that issues related to legislative
20 participation in the selection of party candidates be referred to interim study.

21 **Highlighted Provisions:**

22 This bill:

- 23 ▶ allows the Legislature to give direction to a United States Senator elected from
24 Utah;
- 25 ▶ allows the Legislature to direct a United States Senator elected from Utah to report
26 to the Legislature on certain issues determined by the Legislature;
- 27 ▶ provides that any direction or reporting requirements be made by a joint resolution



28 of the Legislature; and

29 ▶ enacts uncodified language directing the Judiciary Interim Committee to consider
30 the issue of whether a process should be initiated to permit a political party to
31 submit the names of candidates for review and selection by members of the
32 Legislature in the same party.

33 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

34 None

35 **Other Special Clauses:**

36 None

37 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

38 ENACTS:

39 **36-26-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

40 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

41 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL



43 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

44 Section 1. Section **36-26-101** is enacted to read:

45 **36-26-101. Legislature's direction to U.S. Senators -- Reporting.**

46 (1) The Legislature may give direction to a United States Senator elected from Utah.

47 (2) The Legislature may direct a United States Senator elected from Utah to provide a
48 single report or periodic reports to the Legislature on:

49 (a) the senator's progress with the direction given under Subsection (1); or

50 (b) other issues as determined by the Legislature.

51 (3) The Legislature shall provide any direction or reporting requirements under
52 Subsections (1) and (2) by passing a joint resolution of the Legislature.

53 (4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall maintain a record of:

54 (a) all resolutions passed under this section; and

55 (b) all reports issued to the Legislature by a United States Senator in response to a
56 resolution passed under this section.

57 Section 2. **Direction to refer matters to interim committee.**

58 The Judiciary Interim Committee shall consider the issue of whether a process should

59 be initiated to permit a political party to utilize the political party's legislative party caucuses to
60 assist in the selection of the political party's candidate for the office of United States Senator.