

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006  
ROOM W020, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, CAPITOL BUILDING**

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

Staff Present:                Rich North, Policy Analyst  
                                      Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present:    John Hughes, Editor, Deseret Morning News  
                                      Tim Smith, Utah Media Coalition  
                                      Ryan Mecham, Utah Property Rights Coalition  
                                      Carl Hendrickson, Utah Association of Counties  
                                      Michael Cragun, Deputy Director, Lt. Governor's Office  
                                      Anjanette Lofgren  
                                      Siena Hoefling  
                                      Stephen Stone

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

Committee Chair Hellewell called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**1.     S.B. 0026 Administrative Rules Reauthorization**

Sen. Stephenson explained that the bill reauthorizes all state agency administrative rules.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Christensen and Sen. Davis being absent for the vote.

**2.     S.B. 0015 Grama Appeals Process and Document Request Amendments**

Sen. Thomas explained that the bill modifies the appeals process and document requests.

The following individuals spoke against the bill:

John Hughes, Editor, Deseret Morning News  
Tim Smith, attorney, Utah Media Coalition  
Ryan Mecham, Utah Property Rights Coalition

Carl Hendrickson, attorney, Utah Association of Counties spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to delete lines 98 and 99 from the bill.

The motion failed. Those voting in favor were Sen. Hale and Sen. Davis.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill favorably with the understanding the issue of record requests will be considered on the Senate Floor.

The motion passed with Sen. Davis voting in opposition, and with Sen. Hale being absent.

**3. S.B. 0047 Restoration of Voting Rights Amendments (B. Goodfellow)**

Sen. Goodfellow explained that the bill modifies provisions of the Election Code relating to restoration of voting rights and the right to hold office.

Michael Cragun, Deputy Director, Lt. Governor's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

The following individuals spoke against the bill.

Anjanette Lofgren  
Siena Hoefling  
Stephen Stone

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to pass the bill out of committee for consideration on the Senate Floor.

The motion passed with Sen. Hellewell voting in opposition to the motion and with Sen. Hale being absent for the vote.

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

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

Committee Chair Hellewell adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

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Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Committee Chair

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