

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 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:    Mark Anderson, attorney, Nielsen & Senior  
                                  Terel Grimley, Weber/Box Elder Court District  
                                  Ed Alter, Utah State Treasurer  
                                  Natalie Gordon, Trust Lands Commissioner, Utah PTA

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

Committee Chair Hellewell called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the Jan. 27, 2006 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

**1.     S.B. 0189 Constitutional Revision Commission Amendments (P. Knudson)**

Sen. Knudson explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

**2.     S.B. 0156 Legislative Direction Relating to United States Senators (H. Stephenson)**

Sen. Stephenson explained a substitute to the bill and asked that it be adopted.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to adopt S.B.0156 1st Substitute.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to pass S.B. 0156 1st Substitute favorably.

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

3. **S.B. 0131 Authorization of Opinion Questions to Voters** (E. Mayne)

This bill was not considered.

4. **H.B. 0036 Notice Requirements for Budget Transfers from Utility Funds**  
(A. Tilton)

Sen. Hickman chaired while Sen. Hellewell explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed with Sen. Christensen absent for the vote.

5. **H.B. 0078 Investment of Land Grant Trust Funds** (D. Clark)

Rep. Clark introduced Ed Alter, State Auditor. Mr. Alter explained that the bill will allow flexibility in investing land grant trust funds.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to passed the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. **H.B. 0014 Open Meetings Law Amendments** (W. Harper)

Rep. Harper explained that the bill had been amended in a House Committee meeting and also on the House Floor. He proposed that the committee adopt the 2nd substitute to the bill.

Mark Anderson, attorney, Nielsen & Senior, spoke on concerns he has with the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to adopt H.B. 0014 2nd Substitute.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to pass H.B. 0014 2nd Substitute out favorably.

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

7. **H.B. 0016 Revisions to Open and Public Meetings Law** (G. Donnelson)

Rep. Donnelson explained the bill.

Sen. Christensen proposed the following amendment:



**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to amend H.B. 0044 2nd substitute as follows:

HB 44S1

Page 42, Lines 1293-94: After "Subsection (10)." delete "active" means, with reference to a voter, that the voter has voted in both of the two immediately preceding regular general elections." Insert "active voter" has the same meaning as defined in 20A-1-102."

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to pass H.B. 0044 2nd substitute favorably as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

**9. S.B. 0105 County Officer Revisions (C. Walker)**

The sponsor requested the bill be returned to the Rules Committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hickman moved to return S.B. 0105 to the Rules Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Chair Hellewell adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

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Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Committee Chair