

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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: Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office
 Val Bateman, Executive Vice President, Utah Medical Assn.
 Michael Cragun, Attorney General's Office
 Sandy Peck, League of Women Voters
 Rozan Mitchell, Salt Lake County Elections
 Frazer Nielson, Executive Director, Disability Law Center
 Susan Follett, Summit County Clerk
 Gary Williams, Assistant City Attorney, Ogden City
 Jesse Garcia, Ogden City Council

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

Committee Chair Hellewell called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of meetings held January 31, 2006, and February 3, 2006.

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

1. S.B. 214 Office of the State Debt Collection Amendments (P. Knudson)

Sen. Knudson explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill out favorably.

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

2. S.B. 0060 Western States Presidential Primary (P. Knudson)

Sen. Knudson explained the bill permits the Western States Presidential Primary to be held on the first Tuesday in February in a presidential election year.

Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, commented that the bill is a bipartisan effort and has the support of the Governor.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously,

3. S.B. 0178 State Executive Compensation - Department of Health (P. Knudson)

Sen. Knudson explained the bill.

Val Bateman, Executive Vice President, Utah Medical Assn., spoke in support of the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. S.B. 0085 State-owned Art Collections Inventory Program (B. Evans)

Sen. Evans proposed a substitute bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to delete body and title of S.B. 0085 and replace it with 1st Substitute S.B. 0085.

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

Sen. Hale explained the substitute bill.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 0085 favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. S.B. 0200 Voter Registration - Proof of Citizenship (M. Madsen)

Sen. Madsen explained the bill requires that persons registering to vote provide evidence that they are citizens of the United States.

The following individuals spoke against the bill:

Michael Cragun, Attorney General's Office
Sandy Peck, League of Women Voters
Rozan Mitchell, Salt Lake County Elections
Frazer Nielson, Executive Director, Disability Law Center
Susan Follett, Summit County Clerk

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill out favorably.

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

6. **S.B. 0229 Civil Service Commissions** (S. Jenkins)

Sen. Jenkins explained the bill.

The following individuals spoke in support of the bill:

Gary Williams, Assistant City Attorney, Ogden City
Jesse Garcia, Ogden City Council

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably.

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

7. **H.B. 0041 Preservation of and Access to State Publications** (M. Noel)

Rep. Noel explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill out favorably.

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

8. **H.B. 0207 Inherent Risks of Participating in Recreational Activities on Property Owned by Local Government** (D. Bowman)

Rep. Bowman explained the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

9. **H.B. 0210 County Ordinance Amendments** (L. Wiley)

Rep. Wiley explained the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to adjourn.

Sen. Hellewell adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Committee Chair