MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006

Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Gregory Bell, Vice-Chair

Sen. Patrice Arent Sen. Allen Christensen Sen. Mike Dmitrich Sen. Lyle Hillyard Sen. Mark Madsen Sen. L. Alma Mansell Sen. David L. Thomas

Members Excused: Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair

Staff Present: Jerry Howe, Policy Analyst

Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Charles Hardy, Gun Owners of Utah

Steven Gunn, Gun Violence Prevention Center

Val Shupe, Utah Chiefs of Police

Ned Searle, Utah Domestic Violence Committee

Larry Bunkell, Utah Kennecott Copper Brian Judy, National Rifle Association

Dalane England, Eagle Forum

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

Committee Vice Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2006. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Christensen, Dmitrich and Thomas absent for the vote.

1. S.B. 24 Weapons Amendments (M. Madsen)

Rep. Madsen presented the bill and distributed a letter from the Director of the Department of Corrections, State of Missouri.

Charles Hardy, Gun Owners of Utah, gave a power point presentation and spoke in favor of the bill.

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MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to delete in title and body S.B. 24 and adopt 1st Sub. S.B. 24. The motion passed unanimously.

Those speaking in opposition to the bill are as follows:

Steven Gunn, Gun Violence Prevention Center Val Shupe, Utah Chiefs of Police Ned Searle, Utah Domestic Violence Committee Larry Bunkell, Utah Kennecott Copper

Brian Judy, National Rifle Association, and Dalane England, Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thomas moved to pass 1st Sub. S.B. 24 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Mansell moved to hold 1st Sub. S.B. 24. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 1st Sub. HB 220 Child Protection - Gang Association (E. Hutchings)

This bill was not considered.

3. 1st Sub. HB 247 Plea in Abeyance Fee (M. S. Lawrence)

This bill was not considered.

4. Fire Alarm System Certification Requirements (J. Murray)

This bill was not considered.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Committee Vice Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Committee Chair