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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2006

Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair

Sen. Gregory Bell, Vice-Chair

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

Members Excused: Sen. Lyle Hillyard

Staff Present: Jerry Howe, Policy Analyst

Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Rep. D. Hogue

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

Committee Chair Buttars called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. H.B. 249 Juvenile Court Judge (D. Hogue)

Rep. Hogue presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to pass H.B. 249 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Dmitrich, and Thomas absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Arent moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2006. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Bell, Dmitrich, and Thomas absent for the vote.

2. 1st Sub. S.B. 24 Weapons Amendments (M. Madsen)

MOTION: Sen. Mansell moved to lift 1st Sub. S.B. 24, Weapons Amendments, from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to delete in title and body 1st Sub. S.B. 24 and adopt 3rd Sub. S.B. 24. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved the following amendments:

- 1. Page 1, Lines 9 through 10:
 - 9 This bill modifies provisions of the Utah Criminal Code { dealing with the possession
 - 10 and carrying of weapons \ .
- 2. *Page 5, Lines 143 through 146:*
 - (b) a person without a valid concealed firearm permit who carries a concealed
 - dangerous weapon which is a firearm <u>in a place other than the person's residence or</u>

 <u>real property</u> and {that } <u>which</u> contains no ammunition, {in a place other
 than
 - 145 <u>the person's residence or property,</u>} is guilty of a class B misdemeanor, but if the firearm
 - 146 contains ammunition the person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 3. Page 6, Lines 162 through 164:
 - 162 (1) at [his] the person's place of residence, including any temporary residence or
 - 163 camp[-]; or
 - 164 (2) on the person's <u>real</u> property.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Dmitrich complemented Sen. Madsen for the 3rd Sub. S.B. 24.

MOTION: Sen. Thomas moved to pass 3rd Sub. S.B. 24, Weapons Amendments, as amended, out of committee with a favorable recommendation with the following intent language:

The Legislature recognizes that 3rd Sub. S.B. 24, Weapons Amendments, is an amendment to the State's Criminal Code. Therefore, this bill does nothing to affect the existing civil relationship between private property owners and individuals, vis a vis a property owner's right to ban an individual from entering upon the owner's private property. Furthermore, the bill does nothing to limit or expand civil or criminal remedies -- including, but not limited

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to, breach of contract or trespass -- that a property owner might presently invoke against an individual under current statute and jurisprudence, who enters upon on a property owner's property in possession of a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, when it is forbidden by the property owner.

MOTION: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to adjourn the meeting.

Committee Chair Buttars adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Committee Chair