

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007  
ROOM W020, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present:            Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Chair  
                                      Sen. D. Chris Buttars  
                                      Sen. John W. Hickman  
                                      Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
                                      Sen. Scott D. McCoy  
                                      Sen. Ross I. Romero

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

Public Speakers Present:    Ken Short, Engineer, South Jordan City  
                                      John Geilmann, City Attorney, South Jordan City  
                                      LeGrand Bitter, Director, Utah Assn. of Special Districts  
                                      Gary Crane, Layton City  
                                      Brian King, Attorney, Utah Trial Lawyers Assn.  
                                      Jeff Rowley, Risk Manager, Salt Lake County District Attorney  
                                      Fred Panucci, Mayor of Syracuse City  
                                      Bob Van Velkinburgen, Syracuse City  
                                      Craig Lawrence, citizen, Lehi, Utah  
                                      Gary Crane, Layton City and League of Cities & Towns  
                                      James Dixon, Lehi City Council  
                                      Merlin Knight, Syracuse City Councilman  
                                      Howard H. Johnson, Mayor of Lehi City  
                                      Mark Johnson, Lehi City Council  
                                      Kevin Bruder, E-Center Manager

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

Committee Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buttars moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed with Sen. Hickman, Sen. Jenkins, and Sen. Romero absent for the vote.

**1.    S.B. 130 Municipal Code Amendments (D. Eastman)**

The bill was not considered.

2. **S.B. 141 Commission and Council Seats in Counties of First and Second Class**  
(S. Killpack)

The bill was not considered.

3. **S.B. 163 Amendments to Municipal and County Land Use** (D. Stowell)

The bill was not considered.

4. **S.B. 98 Governmental Immunity for Trails** (D.C. Buttars)

Sen. Buttars explained the bill.

The following individuals spoke in support of the bill.

Ken Short, Engineer, South Jordan City  
John Geilmann, City Attorney, South Jordan City  
LeGrand Bitter, Director, UASD  
Gary Crane, Layton City

The following individuals spoke against the bill.

Brian King, Attorney, UTLA  
Jeff Rowley, Risk Manager, SL Co. District Attorney

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Jenkins assumed the Chair so Chair Knudson could present a bill in another committee.

5. **S.B. 119 Municipal License Fee or Tax on Public Assembly Facilities**  
(B. Goodfellow)

Sen. Goodfellow explained the bill.

Kevin Bruder, E-Center Manager, spoke in support of the bill.

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

The motion passed with Sen. Jenkins voting in opposition, and with Chair Knudson, and Sen. Hickman absent for the vote.

**6. S.B. 41 Forms of Municipal Government (C. Walker)**

Sen. Walker asked for a motion to delete the title and body of S.B. 41 and replace it with First Substitute S.B. 41.

**MOTION:** Sen. McCoy moved to accept the substitute bill.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Walker and Sen. Bramble co-sponsors of the bill explained the bill.

Chair Knudson resumed the Chair.

The following individuals spoke in support of the bill.

Fred Panucci, Mayor of Syracuse City  
Bob Van Velkinburgen, Syracuse City  
Craig Lawrence, citizen, Lehi, Utah

The following individuals spoke against the bill.

Gary Crane, Layton City and League of Cities & Towns  
James Dixon, Lehi City Council  
Merlin Knight, Syracuse City Councilman  
Howard H. Johnson, Mayor of Lehi City  
Mark Johnson, Lehi City Council

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**7. H.B. 71 Ballot Form Amendments (C. Johnson)**

Rep. Johnson explained the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**8. H.B. 205 Public Demonstrations at Funerals (R. Bigelow)**

Rep. Bigelow explained the bill.

LeGrand Bitter, Director, UASD, spoke in support of the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**9. H.J.R. 6 Joint Rules Resolution - Appropriation Subcommittees (R. Bigelow)**

Rep. Bigelow explained the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

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Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Committee Chair