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 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.


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)


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

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

The motion passed unanimously.


**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