

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007, 8:00 A.M.
ROOM W130, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present: Sen. Gregory S. Bell, Chair
 Sen. Jon J. Greiner
 Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
 Sen. Mark B. Madsen
 Sen. Scott D. McCoy
 Sen. Ross I. Romero
 Pres. John L. Valentine

Staff Present: Jerry Howe, Policy Analyst
 Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Steve Sullivan, Robert J. DeBry & Associates
 Chris Purcell, State Farm Insurance
 Lloyd Jones, Attorney, Defense Bar
 Richard Glauser, Attorney, Bear River Insurance Company
 Steve Sullivan, Robert J. DeBry Associates
 Delpha Baird, Citizen
 Rick Schwermer, Administration Office of the Courts
 Chad Platt, Statewide Association of Prosecutors
 Wade Farroway, Attorney General's Office
 Reed Richards, Attorney General's Office

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

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Greiner moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2007.

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

1. H.B. 44 Motor Vehicle Insurance Arbitration Amendments (Rep. S. Urquhart)

Rep. Urquhart explained the bill.

Steve Sullivan, Robert J. DeBry & Associates, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chris Purcell, State Farm Insurance, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Pres. Valentine moved to pass H.B. 44 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

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

Pres. Valentine assumed the Chair.

2. S.B. 164 Statute of Limitations for Bodily Injury (Sen. G. Bell)

Chair Bell explained the bill.

Lloyd Jones, Attorney, Defense Bar, assisted in the explanation of the bill.

Richard Glauser, Attorney, Bear River Insurance Company, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Sullivan, Robert J. DeBry Associates, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Chair Bell moved to pass S.B. 164 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion failed with Chair Bell and Sen. Madsen voting in favor of the motion.

Chair Bell assumed the Chair.

3. S.B. 221 Judicial Retention Election Task Force (Sen. D. C. Buttars)

Sen. Buttars explained the bill and distributed select pages from the Voter Information Pamphlet.

Delpha Baird, Citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rick Schwermer, Administration Office of the Courts, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to pass S.B. 221 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sens. McCoy and Romero voting in opposition to the motion with Pres. Valentine absent for the vote.

4. **H.B. 45 Comparative Negligence Amendments** *(Rep. S. Wyatt)*

The bill was held at the request of the Sponsor.

5. **H.B. 85 Sentence Reduction Clarification** *(Rep. S. Wyatt)*

Rep. Wyatt explained the bill.

Chad Platt, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, assisted in the explanation of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to pass H.B. 85 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Pres. Valentine and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

6. **H.B. 206 County Jail - Work Release Process Amendments** *(Rep. S. Wyatt)*

Rep. Wyatt explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Greiner moved to pass H.B. 206 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Pres. Valentine and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

7. **H.B. 83 Forgery Amendments** *(Rep. D. Aagard)*

Rep. Aagard explained the bill.

Wade Farraway, Attorney General's Office, assisted in the explanation of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to pass H.B. 83 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Pres. Valentine and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to place H.B. 83 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously with Pres. Valentine and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

8. **H.B. 210 County Sheriff Qualification Amendments** *(Rep. B. Dee)*

Rep. Dee explained the bill.

Reed Richards, Attorney General's Office, assisted in the explanation of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to pass H.B. 210 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Pres. Valentine and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to place H.B. 210 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously with Pres. Valentine and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Sen. Gregory S. Bell, Committee Chair