

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT & CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2007, 4:00 P.M.  
ROOM W130, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present: Sen. Gregory S. Bell, Chair  
Sen. Jon J. Greiner  
Sen. Mark B. Madsen  
Sen. Scott D. McCoy  
Sen. Ross I. Romero

Members Excused: Pres. John L. Valentine  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard

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

Public Speakers Present: Gregory Castle, President, No More Homeless Pets  
Gene Barerschmidt, Executive Director, Humane Society of Utah  
Ned Searle, Utah Domestic Violence Council  
Karen Clark, Vice President, Utah Eagle Forum  
Joel Allred, Utah Trial Lawyers Association  
John F. Fay, Attorney, Gregory and Swapp

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

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Romero moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2007.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Madsen and McCoy absent for the vote.

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

The bill was held until the next meeting.

**2. H.B. 342 Protective Order Revisions (Rep. S. Wyatt)**

Rep. Wyatt explained the bill.

Gregory Castle, President, No More Homeless Pets; Gene Barerschmidt, Executive Director, Humane Society of Utah; and Ned Searle, Utah Domestic Violence Council, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Romero moved to pass H.B. 342 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen. Greiner voting against the motion and Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.

**3. H.B. 326 Repeal of Juvenile Justice Services Victim Restitution Account**  
(*Rep. D. Aagard*)

Rep. Aagard explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Madsen moved to pass H.B. 326 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Romero moved to place H.B. 326 on the Consent Calendar.

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

**4. H.B. 333 Materials Harmful to Minors** (*Rep. A. Tilton*)

Sen. Madsen explained the bill.

Karen Clark, Vice President, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Greiner moved to pass H.B. 333 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

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

**5. H.B. 194 Tampering with Evidence Amendments** (*Rep. L. Fowlke*)

Rep. Fowlke explained the bill.

Joel Allred, Utah Trial Lawyers Association, assisted in the explanation and spoke in favor

of the bill.

John F. Fay, Attorney, Gregory and Swapp, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. McCoy moved to pass H.B. 194 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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Sen. Gregory S. Bell, Committee Chair