

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM W010, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 1, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson, Chair
 Rep. John G. Mathis, Vice Chair
 Rep. Douglas C. Aagard
 Rep. Ron Bigelow
 Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
 Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
 Rep. Neil A. Hansen
 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
 Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
 Rep. Larry B. Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Grover
 Rep. Oda

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
 Karen Mitchell, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Donnelson called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2008 and the January 29, 2008 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Hansen, and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

H.B. 309 Election Information Amendments (*Rep. J. Dougall*)

Rep. Dougall explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 5, Lines 127 through 128:

127 (vii) for each referendum qualified for the ballot, a complete copy of the text
of the law being submitted to
128 the voters for their approval or rejection , with all new language underlined and all
deleted language placed within brackets, as applicable ;

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

Spoke for the bill: Gary Herbert, Lt. Governor
Bryan Thompson, Utah County clerk

Spoke against the bill: Michael J. Fox, Utah Press Assn.

MOTION: Rep. Fowlke moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

H.B. 338 Neutrality Required of Poll Workers (Rep. R. Chavez-Houck)

Rep. Chavez-Houck explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Steve Nemeth, Citizen

Spoke against the bill: Bryan Thompson, Utah County Clerk

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 12 through 14:*

- 12 ▶ prohibits a poll worker from wearing or displaying a logo, insignia, letters, or
 words
13 that disclose the poll worker's support of, opposition to, or affiliation with a
14 candidate, political party, or political issue {~~corporation, or advocacy~~
~~organization~~ } ;

2. *Page 2, Lines 31 through 34:*

- 31 (b) (i) A poll worker, while present at the polling place, may not wear or display, in a
32 manner that is visible to voters, a logo, insignia, letters, or words that disclose the poll
 worker's
33 support of, opposition to, or affiliation with a candidate, political party, or political
 issue {
34 corporation, or advocacy organization} .

The motion passed with Rep. Fowlke, Rep. Hansen, and Rep. Wiley voting in opposition and Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill our favorably.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Fowlke moved to proceed to the next agenda item. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

1st Sub. S.B. 13 Candidate Residency Requirements (Sen. P. Knudson) (Rep. D. Aagard)

Sen. Knudson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Michael Cragun, Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

H.B. 137 State Facility Water Conservation Program (Rep. L. Wiley)

Rep. Wiley explained the bill to the committee, and distributed a handout.

MOTION: Rep. Wiley moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 3, Lines 65 through 69:*

- 65 (ii) in collaboration with the Division of Facilities Construction and Management,
that
66 establishes {mandatory} design and construction standards to improve indoor and
outdoor water
67 conservation in a state facility that on or after July 1, 2008 is:
68 (A) constructed; or
69 (B) renovated to improve plumbing or landscaping;

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

Spoke for the bill: Mark Danenhauer, Utah Rivers Council
Dennis Strong, Utah Dept. Water Resources

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

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MOTION: Rep. Fowlke moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

Rep. Donnelson adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Rep. Glenn Donnelson, Chair