

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008
ROOM W020, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present: Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Chair
 Sen. D. Chris Butters
 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: Terry Shaw, Veterans Affairs
 Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum
 Bill Clayton, Director, Gun Owner's of Utah
 Monica Whalan, Employers Council
 Elwood Powell, Utah Sports Shooting Council
 Tom Bingham, Utah Mfg. Assn.
 & Utah Petroleum & Mining Assn.
 Steve Gunn, Gun Violence Campaign of Utah
 Craig Call, Citizen
 Steve Erickson, Citizens Education Project

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

Committee Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2008 minutes.

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

1. S.B. 67 Protection of Constitutionally Guaranteed Activities in Certain Private Venues (M. Madsen)

Sen. Madsen explained the bill.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Bill, Clayton, Gun Owner's of Utah
Elwood Powell, Utah Sports Shooting Council

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Monica Whalen, Employers Council
Tom Bingham, Utah Mfg. Assn.
& Utah Petroleum & Mining Assn.
Steve Gunn, Gun Violence Campaign in Utah

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed with Sens. McCoy and Romero voting in opposition.

2. **S.B. 141 Water Conservancy District - Selection of Board of Trustees**
(W. Neiderhauser)

The bill was not heard.

3. **H.B. 129 Appropriation for Construction of a Veterans' Nursing Home in Ogden**
(B. Dee)

Rep. Dee explained the bill.

Terry Shaw, Veterans Affairs, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed with Sen. Butters absent for the vote.

4. **S.B. 144 Parameters on Governor's Ability to Enter Agreements Binding the State**
(S. Jenkins)

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to delete in title and body S.B. 144 and replace it with S.B. 144 1st Substitute.

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

Sen. Jenkins explained the substitute bill.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Steve Erickson, Citizens Education Project
Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to pass the bill out favorably.

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

8. S.J.R. 5 Joint Resolution Amending Legislative Apportionment (C. Bramble)

The bill was not heard.

9. S.J.R. 6 Joint Resolution Encouraging the Governor's Board Appointments to Reflect Utah Geographic Balance (D. Stowell)

Bill was not heard.

10. S.R. 1 Senate Resolution Urging United States Withdrawal from Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (F. Fife)

The bill was not heard.

MOTION: Sen. Butters moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Committee Chair