

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE  
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES & TECHNOLOGY  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008, 8:00 A.M.  
ROOM W020, WEST OFFICE BUILDING  
STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present:            Sen. Carlene Walker, Chair  
                                  Sen. Sheldon Killpack  
                                  Sen. Scott Jenkins  
                                  Sen. Kevin VanTassel  
                                  Sen. Mike Dmitrich

Member Absent:            Sen. Karen Mayne

Staff Present:             Leif Elder, Policy Analyst  
                                  Karen Allred, Secretary

Public Speakers Present:    Mike Peterson, Utah Rural Electric Assn.  
                                  Chris Purcell, attorney, State Farm  
                                  Steve Solen, Utah Assn. of Adjusters

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

Committee Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2008.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Killpack and Dmitrich absent for the vote.

**1. S.B. 84 Net Metering Programs (K. VanTassell)**

**MOTION:** Sen. VanTassell moved to adopt the following amendment:

*1. Page 3, Line 79:*

79            (b) for each other electrical corporation, the public service commission.

*2. Page 4, Lines 102 through 113:*

102            [(+) (12) "Renewable facility" means a facility that uses energy derived from [the  
103    ~~sun, wind, or water~~] one of the following to generate electricity[-]:

- 104            ~~{(a) solar power;~~  
105    ~~—(b) wind power;~~  
106    ~~—(c) a fuel cell;~~  
107    ~~—(d) hydroelectric power;~~  
108    ~~—(e) cogeneration;~~  
109    ~~—(f) landfill gas;~~  
110    ~~—(g) digester gas;~~  
111    ~~—(h) dedicated energy crops available on a renewable basis; or~~  
112    ~~—(i) non-toxic biomass derived from solid organic fuel from wood, forest, or field~~  
113    ~~residue.}~~    (a) solar photovoltaic and solar thermal energy;  
          (b) wind energy;  
          (c) hydrogen;  
          (d) organic waste;  
          (e) hydroelectric energy;  
          (f) waste gas and waste heat capture or recovery;  
          (g) biomass and biomass byproducts, except for the combustion of wood that has been  
          treated with chemical preservatives such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or  
          chromated copper arsenate;  
          (h) forest or rangeland woody debris from harvesting or thinning conducted to  
          improve forest or rangeland ecological health and to reduce wildfire risk;  
          (i) agricultural residues;  
          (j) dedicated energy crops;  
          (k) landfill gas or biogas produced from organic matter, wastewater, anaerobic  
          digesters, or municipal solid waste; or  
          (l) the combustion of wood that has been treated

3. *Page 5, Lines 139 through 143:*

- 139            (3) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), the governing authority may ~~{:~~  
140    ~~—(i)}~~    establish a higher amount of generating capacity from customer generation  
          systems  
141    than .1% of the electrical corporation's peak demand during 2007 before a net metering  
142    program may be discontinued under Subsection (2) ~~{; or~~  
143    ~~—(ii) forbid the discontinuation of a net metering program under Subsection~~  
          ~~(2)(a).}~~

4. Page 6, Line 173:

173 is at least avoided cost, or ~~{another, higher value}~~ as determined by the  
governing authority; and

5. Page 6, Lines 177 through 180:

177 ~~(iii)~~ (ii) all credits that the customer does not use during the ~~{calendar~~  
~~year}~~ annualized billing period expire at

178 the end of the ~~calendar year~~ annualized billing period; and

179 (b) as authorized by the governing authority, the electrical corporation may bill the

180 customer for customer charges that otherwise would have accrued during

~~{+}~~ that ~~{+}~~ ~~{-the annualized-}~~

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Killpack and Sen. Dmitrich absent for the vote.

Sen. VanTassell explained the bill.

Mike Peterson, Utah Rural Electric Assn., spoke in support of the bill.

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

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Killpack and Dmitrich absent for the vote.

2. **H.B. 28 Honoring Heroes Special Group License Plate** (P. Ray)

Rep. Ray explained the bill.

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

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

3. **H.B. 144 Motor Vehicle Insurance Amendments** (T. Kiser)

Rep. Kiser explained the bill.

Chris Purcell, State Farm Insurance, and Steve Solen, Utah Assn. of Adjusters spoke in support of the bill.

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

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

**4. H.B. 275 Vehicle Towing Requirements (B. Daw)**

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

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

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

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary.

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Sen. Carlene Walker, Committee Chair