

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 20, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX  
February 3, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT:      Rep. Craig Frank, Chair  
                                 Rep. Keith Grover, Vice Chair  
                                 Rep. Douglas C. Aagard  
                                 Rep. Ron Bigelow  
                                 Rep. Jim Bird  
                                 Rep. Ben Ferry  
                                 Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
                                 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
                                 Rep. John Mathis  
                                 Rep. Larry B. Wiley

STAFF PRESENT:            Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst  
                                 Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Grover called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

MOTION:      Rep. Bird moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Hendrickson, and Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

**H.B. 118      Archives and Grama Revisions (*Rep. D. Aagard*)**

Rep. Aagard explained the bill, assisted by Patricia Smith Mansfield, Division of State Archives.

MOTION:      Rep. Hansen moved to pass H.B. 118 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson and Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

**H.B. 272      Utah Scenic Byway Designation Amendments (*Rep. C. Herrod*)**

This bill was not heard at the request of the sponsor.

**S.B. 24      Early Voting Amendments (*Sen. P. Knudson*)**

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

1. Page 1, Line 18:

18 offered; ~~{and}~~ =

► requires that early voting polling places be proportionately distributed based on population within a county of the first class; and

2. Page 2, Lines 57 through 58:

57 ~~{+}~~ (3) For each regular general election and regular primary election,  
counties of the first

58 class shall ensure that ~~{+}~~ ~~{+}~~

the early voting polling places are approximately proportionately distributed based on population within the county.

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson and Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

Sen. Knudsen explained S.B. 24 as amended.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Arie Van De Graff, Utah Association of Counties

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to pass S.B. 24 as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson and Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

**S.B. 25 Online Voter Registration (Sen. P. Knudson)**

Sen. Knudson explained the bill, assisted by Michael Cragun, Lieutenant Governor's Office.

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

1. Page 3, Lines 59 through 60a:

59 the lieutenant governor shall send the information to the county clerk for the county in which

60 the applicant's ~~{principle}~~ **principal** place of residence is found for further action ~~Ŝ~~→ as required by Section

60a 20A-2-304 ~~←Ŝ~~ .

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to pass S.B. 25 as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

**S.B. 26      Open and Public Meetings Act - Meeting Record (Sen. P. Knudson)**

Sen. Knudson explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved to pass S.B. 26 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Grover adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

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Rep. Craig A. Frank, Chair