

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS &  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2009, 8:00 A.M.  
ROOM 415 STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present:            Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Chair  
                                  Sen. Greg Bell  
                                  Sen. John Greiner  
                                  Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
                                  Sen. Dan Liljenquist  
                                  Sen. Scott D. McCoy  
                                  Sen. Luz Robles

Staff Present:                Rich North, Policy Analyst  
                                  Jean Butler, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers:            Susan Kuziak, Utah Education Association, (UEA)  
                                  Jodi Hoffman, Utah League of Cities and Towns, Land Use Task  
                                  Force, (ULCT) (LUTF)  
                                  Anna Clare Shepherd, Concerned Citizen  
                                  Dennis Kellen, Executive Director, Dept of Alcohol Beverage  
                                  Control , (DABC)

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

Committee Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved the committee approval the minutes of the 02/18/09 meeting.

The motion passed 5 - 0 - 2 with Sens Robles and McCoy absent for the vote.

1.    **SB0156 Gifts and Meal Provisions for Public Officials** (G. Bell)

**MOTION:** Sen. Bell moved to amend SB156 as follows:

1.    *Page 7, Lines 201 through 203:*

201            (C) an expenditure made for food or beverage { including the public official's  
                  name } , if

202 the aggregate daily expenditures benefitting the public official are greater than [~~\$50; and~~  
203 \$25  
203 unless the food or beverage is provided in connection with an event to which:

2. *Page 9, Lines 273 through 274:*

273 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), "gift" includes :  
(i) admission to a sporting,  
274 recreational, or artistic event whether as a spectator or a participant ; and  
(ii) cash .

The motion passed 5 - 0 - 2 with Sens. Robles and McCoy absent for the vote.

Sen. Bell further discussed the amended bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Liljenquist moved to pass the bill out favorably with the amendments.

The motion passed 5 - 0 - 2 with Sens. Robles and Mc Coy absent for the vote.

2. **SB0162 Use of Campaign Funds Amendments** (J. Valentine)

Sen. Valentine presented the following amendments SB0162:

1. *Page 2, Lines 42 through 44:*

42 (4) ~~{A}~~ (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b) and Section 20A-11-  
402, a person who is no longer a state office candidate may not expend or transfer the  
43 monies in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former state office  
candidate to  
44 recognize the monies as taxable income under federal tax law.

(b) A person who is no longer a state office candidate may transfer the monies  
in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former state office candidate  
to recognize the monies as taxable income under federal tax law if the transfer is  
made to a campaign account for federal office.

2. *Page 2, Line 58 through Page 3, Line 60:*

58 (5) ~~{A}~~ (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b) and Section 20A-11-  
402, a person who is no longer a legislative office candidate may not expend or transfer  
59 the monies in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former legislative  
office  
60 candidate to recognize the monies as taxable income under federal tax law.

(b) A person who is no longer a legislative office candidate may transfer the monies

in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former legislative office candidate to recognize the monies as taxable income under federal tax law if the transfer is made to a campaign account for federal office.

3. *Page 3, Lines 76 through 78:*

76 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), a – ~~{A}~~ person who is no  
longer an officeholder may not expend or transfer the monies in  
77 a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former officeholder to recognize the  
78 monies as taxable income under federal tax law.

(b) A person who is no longer an officeholder may transfer the monies in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former officeholder to recognize the monies as taxable income under federal tax law if the transfer is made to a campaign account for federal office.

4. *Page 4, Lines 94 through 96:*

94 (5) ~~{A}~~ (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(a) and Section 20A-11-  
402, a person who is no longer a school board candidate may not expend or transfer the  
95 monies in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former school board  
candidate  
96 to recognize the monies as taxable income under federal tax law.

(b) A person who is no longer a school board candidate may transfer the monies in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former school board candidate to recognize the monies as taxable income under federal tax law if the transfer is made to a campaign account for federal office.

**MOTION:** Senator Jenkins moved the amendment be adopted.

The motion passed 5 - 0 - 2 with Sens. Robles and Greiner absent for the vote.

Sen. Valentine presented an overview of the bill and its amendments.

Susan Kuziak, (UEA) spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Liljenquist moved with bill be passed out favorable as amended.

The motion passed with a 4 - 1 - 2 vote. Sens. Robles and Greiner were absent for the vote, and Sen. Jenkins voted against the bill.

3. **SB0084 Impact Fees Revisions** (G. Bell)

**MOTION:** Sen. Bell moved that SB0084 be replaced with **1st Sub. S.B. 84.**

The motion passed 6 - 0 - 1 with Sen. Greiner absent for the vote.

Sen. Bell presented the new bill.

Jodi Hoffmann, ULCT, spoke for the bill.

Anna Clare Shepherd, Concerned Citizen, presented a question to Sen. Bell.

**MOTION:** Sen. Bell moved the substitute bill be passed out favorably.

The motion passed 6 - 0 - 1 with Sen. Greiner absent for the vote.

4. **SB0209 Land Use, Development, and Management Act Amendments** (G. Bell)

Sen Bell asked Jodi Hoffman, Land Use Task Force, to assist in presenting the bill and to answer questions.

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

The motion passed unanimously with a 7 - 0 - 0 vote.

5. **SB0106S01 Alcoholic Beverage Control Act Restrictions** (S. McCoy)

Sen. McCoy presented the bill.

Dennis Kellen, DABC, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Robles moved the bill be passed out favorably.

The bill passed unanimously with a 7 - 0 - 0 vote.

6. **HB0118 Joint Resolution Expressing Support for and Recognizing the Value of Locally Elected Officials** (D. Aagard)

Rep. Aagard presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Greiner moved the bill be passed out favorably.

The motion passed out unanimously with a 7 - 0 - vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Greiner moved the meeting be adjourned.

The motion passed unanimously with a 7 - 0 - 0.

Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Jean Butler, Committee Secretary.

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Senator Peter Knudson, Committee Chair