

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS &  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009  
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

Member Absent:            Sen. Jenkins

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

Public Speakers Present:    Craig Smith, Attorney, Garfield County  
                                  Richard Stowell, Executive Director, Utah School Board  
                                  Chris Sorenson, Superintendent for Nebo School  
                                  Steven Peterson, Deputy Exec. Director, U.S.B.A.  
                                  Lyn Denna, Alpine School Community Council

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

Committee Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

1.     **SB0188 Improvement District - Providing Electric Service** (Stowell)

Sen. Stowell presented the bill.

Craig Smith, Garfield County, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. McCoy moved the bill be passed out with a favorable recommendation.

The bill passed on a vote of 4 - 0 - 3, with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, and Robles absent for the vote.

2. **HJR011 Joint Resolution Expressing Support for and Recognizing the Value of Locally Elected Officials** (M. Brown)

Rep. Brown presented the bill.

Richard Stowell, Executive Director, Utah School Board Association, spoke for the bill.

Chris Sorenson, Superintendent for the Nebo School District, spoke for the bill.

Steven Peterson, School Board Association, spoke for the bill.

Lyn Dennan, Member of School Community Council, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Liljenquist moved HJR011 be passed out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed 5 - 0 - 2 with Sens. Jenkins and Bell absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Liljenquist moved the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed 5 - 0 - 2 with Sens. Jenkins and Bell absent for the vote.

3. **HB0125 Impact Fee Amendments** (K. Powell)

Rep. Powell introduced the bill and a prepared amendment to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Liljenquist moved to adopt the amendments.

The motion passed 5 - 0 - 2 with Sens. Bell and Jenkins absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Liljenquist moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended.

The motion passed 5 - 0 - 2 with Sens Bell and Jenkins absent for the vote.

4. **HB0297 Budgetary Procedures Act Recodification** (R. Bigelow)

Rep. Bigelow explained there were no policy changes in this recodification bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. McCoy moved the bill be passed out with a favorable recommendation.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. McCoy moved HB0297 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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

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

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

Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

The minutes were prepared by Jean Butler, committee secretary.

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Sen. Peter Knudson, Committee Chair