

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS &  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009, 4:00 P.M.  
ROOM 415 STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present:            Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Chair  
                                  Sen. Jon Greiner  
                                  Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
                                  Sen. Dan Liljenquist

Members Absent:            Sen. McCoy  
                                  Sen. Robles

Members Excused:         Sen. Bell

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

Public Speakers Present:    Todd Bingham, V. P., Farm Bureau  
                                  Adam Trupp, U tah Association of Counties  
                                  Mike Mower, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget  
                                  Derek Monson, Policy Analyst, Sutherland Institute  
                                  Mike Hanson, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget  
                                  John Schaff, Director, Director of Legislative Audit  
                                  Legrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of Special  
                                  Districts  
                                  Scott Hogensen, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor, Utah County  
                                  David Spatafore  
                                  Jodi Hoffman, Utah League of Cities and Towns  
                                  Steven Peterson, Deputy and Executive Director, Utah School  
                                  Board Association  
                                  Royce VanTassell, Vice President, Utah Taxpayers Association

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

Committee Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Knudson asked for a motion on the Minutes dated March 2, 2009.

**MOTION:** Sen. Greiner moved the above minutes be approved with the

correction of the spelling of his name.

1. **HB0413S01 County Authority Amendments** (R. Menlove)

Rep. Menlove presented the bill.

The following individuals from the audience spoke in favor of the bill:

Adam Trupp, Association of Counties  
Tod Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau

**MOTION:** Sen. Greiner moved HB0413S01 be passed out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

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

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

2. **HJR018 Joint Resolution for Legislative Appropriation Subcommittee Name Change** (N. Hendrickson)

Rep. Hendrickson presented the bill.

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

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

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

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

3. **HB0310 Authority of Lieutenant Governor to Perform Marriage** (C. Wimmer)

Rep. Wimmer presented the bill.

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

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Greiner moved HB0310 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

4. **HB0156S01 Subdivision Approval Amendments** (R.C. Webb)

Rep. Webb presented the bill.

Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke for the bill.

Adam Trupp, Utah Association of Counties, spoke against the bill.

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

The motion passed 4 - 0 - 3 with Sens. Bell, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

5. **HB0323 Amendments Regarding Notice on Utah Public Notice Website**  
(B. Winn)

Rep. Winn presented the bill.

Mike Mower, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB), spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved HB0323 be passed out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed 4 - 0 - 3 with Sens. Bell, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

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

The motion passed 4 - 0 - 3 with Sens. Bell, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

6. **SJR018 Joint Resolution on Fiscal Note Process** (W. Niederhauser)

Sen. Niederhauser presented the bill.

The following individuals from the audience spoke in favor of the bill:

Derek Monson, Policy Analyst for Sutherland Institute  
Mike Hanson, G.O.P.B.

John Schaff, Legislative Auditor General, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Liljenquist moved SJR018 be passed out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

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

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

7. **HB0390 Absentee Ballot Amendments** (J. Mathis)

Rep. Mathis presented the bill.

The following individuals from the audience spoke in support of the bill:

LeGrand Bitter, Utah Association of Special Districts  
Scott Hogensen, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor of Utah County

**MOTION:** Sen. Greiner moved HB0390 be passed out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

8. **HB0245 Utah State 911 Committee Amendments** (C. Oda)

Rep. Oda gave presented the bill.

David Spatafore further explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Liljenquist moved HB0245 be passed out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

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

The motion passed 3 - 4 - 0 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

9. **HB0259S01 Changes to Impact Fees** (S. Sandstrom)

**MOTION:** Senator Greiner moved to adopt Amendment 1.

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4.

Rep. Sandstrom presented the bill.

The following individuals from the audience spoke in favor of the bill:

Jodi Hoffman, Utah Cities and Leagues  
Steve Peterson, Utah School Board Association  
Royce VanTessell, Tax Payers Association

**MOTION:** Sen. Liljenquist moved HB0259S01, as amended, be passed out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

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

The motion passed 3 - 0 - 4 with Sens. Bell, Jenkins, McCoy, and Robles absent for the vote.

Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Jean Butler, Committee Secretary.

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Sen. P. Knudson, Committee Chair