

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

February 1, 2010

Members Present:     Rep. John Dougall, Chair  
                          Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Co-Chair  
                          Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove  
                          Rep. Brad L. Dee  
                          Rep. Kevin S. Garn  
                          Rep. Brian S. King  
                          Rep. Bradley G. Last  
                          Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Staff Present:        Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director, OLRGC  
                          Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel  
                          Ms. Barbara Bryner, Committee Secretary

Rep. John Dougall called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

**1.     H.J.R. 14     Joint Rules Resolution on Financial Disclosures (Rep. G. Hughes)**

Rep. Hughes presented the resolution to the committee.

MOTION:     Rep. Dee moved to pass the resolution with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**2.     H.B. 270     Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Amendments (Rep. G. Hughes)**

Rep. Hughes presented the bill to the committee.

Ms. Helen Watts spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION:     Rep. Dee moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**3.     H.B. 267     Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act Amendments (Rep. K. Garn)**

Rep. Garn presented the bill to the committee.

MOTION:     Rep. King moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. H.J.R. 15 Joint Resolution on Legislative Ethics Commission (Rep. D. Clark)**

Speaker Clark presented the bill to the committee.

John Fellows, General Counsel, explained the process of this resolution.

Ms. Dixie Huefner, Utahns for Ethical Government, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to pass the resolution with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. H.B. 124 Campaign Funds Expenditure Restrictions (Rep. T. Cosgrove)**

Rep. Cosgrove presented the bill to the committee with the assistance of Ms. Emily Brown, Associate General Counsel.

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

1. Page 12, Line 341:

341 (xiv) a charitable donation, except as provided by  
~~{Subsection}~~ Subsections (2)(i) or (j)(i) ;

2. Page 12, Lines 367 through 368:

367 (vii) a gift: ~~{or}~~  
368 (viii) an office supply or furnishing; or  
(ix) educational material;

3. Page 13, Lines 369 through 371:

369 (h) to purchase or mail informational material, a survey, or a greeting card;  
~~{and}~~  
370 (i) for admission to or attendance at an event, the primary purpose of which is  
371 charitable solicitation, as defined in Section 13-22-2 ~~{-}~~ ; and  
(j) sponsorship of an event, the primary purpose of which is:  
(i) charitable solicitation, as defined in Section 13-22-2; or  
(ii) to solicit a contribution reportable under:  
(A) Title 20A, Chapter 11, Campaign and Financial Reporting Requirements;  
(B) Title 20A, Chapter 12, Selection and Election of Judges; or  
(C) 2 U.S.C. Sec. 434.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1. *Page 12, Line 346:*

346 (xviii) a membership fee for a professional or service organization , except as  
provided by Subsection (2)(k) ; and

2. *Page 13, Lines 369 through 371:*

369 (h) to purchase or mail informational material, a survey, or a greeting card:  
{~~and~~}

370 (i) for admission to or attendance at an event, the primary purpose of which is

371 charitable solicitation, as defined in Section 13-22-2 {~~.~~} ; and

(k) to pay membership dues to a national organization of public office holders.

3. *Page 13, Lines 372 through 374:*

372 (3) (a) The lieutenant governor shall enforce this section by:

373 (i) {~~inspecting and~~} evaluating a financial statement to identify a personal use

374 expenditure;

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

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Rep. John Dougall, Chair