

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 20, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 1, 2010**

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. Frank called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2009 meeting.
 The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Bird, Rep. Ferry, and
 Wiley absent for the vote.

H.B. 236 Statutory Construction Amendments (*Rep. R. Lockhart*)

Rep. Lockhart explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Thomas Vaughn, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion
 passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to place H.B. 236 on the Consent Calendar. The motion
 passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow absent for the vote.

H.B. 248 Government Records Amendments (*Rep. J. Anderson*)

Rep. Anderson explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Patricia Smith-Mansfield,
Director, Division of State Archives.

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

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to place H.B. 248 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 218 Municipal Disincorporation Revisions (*Rep. G. Froerer*)

This bill was not considered.

S.B. 18 Election Modifications (*Sen. P. Knudson*)

Sen. Kundson explained the bill to the committee. After discussing potential amendments recommended by Lincoln Shurtz of the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the committee agreed to allow more time to prepare an amendment properly.

MOTION: Rep. Wiley moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 242 Marriage License Fee Amendments (*Rep. C. Johnson*)

Rep. Johnson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Dalane England, Utah Eagle Forum
 Laura Dyreng, citizen

Spoke in favor of the bill: Jane Patten, Peace House

Spoke to the bill: Karen Silver, Salt Lake Community Action Program

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion failed with Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hendrickson, and Rep. Wiley voting in favor of the motion.

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

Rep. adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.