

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 20, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 26, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Craig Frank, Chair
 Rep. Keith Grover, Vice Chair
 Rep. Douglas C. Aagard
 Rep. Jim Bird
 Rep. Ben Ferry
 Rep. Neil A. Hansen
 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
 Rep. John Mathis
 Rep. Larry B. Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Ron Bigelow

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
 Karen Mitchell, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Grover called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting.
 The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Ferry, Rep. Hendrickson, Rep. Mathis,
 and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

H.B. 363 Municipal Election Amendments (Rep. C. Frank)

Rep. Frank explained the bill to the committee and provided a handout.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Lincoln Shurtz, Utah League of Cities and Towns

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion
 passed unanimously with Rep. Mathis and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to place H.B. 363 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed
 unanimously with Rep. Mathis and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

H.B. 185 Animal Euthanasia Standards (Rep. F.J. Seegmiller)

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 185. The motion passed
 unanimously with Rep. Mathis and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

Rep. Seegmiller explained 1st Substitute H.B. 185 to the committee and provided a handout.

Rep. Hansen declared a conflict of interest.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Dr. Drew Allen, Utah Veterinary Medical Association

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Tug Getling, UACOA, UCASH, NWS
Kelly Davis, West Valley Animal Shelter
Pam Rasmussen, South Jordan Animal Control
Rich Bergen, Sandy City

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 185 as follows:

1. *Page 2, Lines 34 through 38:*

34 (2) If an animal shelter must euthanize an animal, the animal shelter shall euthanize
the
35 animal by lethal injection ~~{, unless:}~~ or carbon monoxide chamber.
36 ~~{(a) the animal presents a danger to staff performing the euthanization; or~~
37 ~~—(b) a restraint required for lethal injection will cause undue stress on the~~
animal.}
38 (3) (a) If an animal is euthanized under Subsection (2) ~~{(a) or (b)}~~ in a carbon
monoxide

2. *Page 2, Line 54 through Page 3, Line 58:*

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55 animal by lethal injection ~~{, unless:}~~ or carbon monoxide chamber.
56 ~~{(a) the animal presents a danger to staff performing the euthanization; or~~
57 ~~—(b) a restraint required for lethal injection will cause undue stress on the~~
animal.}
58 (3) (a) If an animal is euthanized under Subsection (2) ~~{(a) or (b)}~~ in a carbon
monoxide

The motion to amend the substitute passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 185 as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd Sub. S.B. 275 Removing Signature from Initiative and Referendum Petition (*Sen. H. Stephenson*) (Rep. C. Wimmer)

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Dalane England, Eagle Forum
Susan Edwards, Citizen
Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Alice Steiner, Citizen

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to pass 2nd Sub. S.B. 275 with a favorable recommendation.
The motion passed with Rep. Hansen voting in opposition.

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

Rep. Grover adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Rep. Craig A. Frank, Chair