

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE ETHICS STANDING COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010
ROOM 445, STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart, Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones, Co-Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Dennis E. Stowell
Sen. John L. Valentine

Staff Present: Michael E. Christensen, Director, Office of Legislative Research
and General Counsel
John Fellows, General Counsel
Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

Speakers Present: Dixie Huefner, Communications Committee Chair, Utahns for
Ethical Government
Stan Rasmussen, Public Affairs Manager, Sutherland Institute
Carl Snow, Past President, State Constitutional Revision
Committee

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

Committee Chair Urquhart called the meeting to order at 12:24 P.M.

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1. **H.B. 267 -- Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act Amendments**

Rep. Garn introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to substitute H.B. 267 with 1st Sub. H. B. 267.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Stowell absent for the vote.

Dixie Huefner, Communications Committee Chair, Utahns for Ethical Government spoke to the bill.

Stan Rasmussen, Public Affairs Manager, Sutherland Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to pass H.B. 267 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

2. **HJR 15 -- Joint Resolution on Legislative Ethics Commission**

Speaker Clark introduced and explained the bill.

Mr. Rasmussen spoke in favor of the bill.

Carl Snow, Past Chairman, State Constitutional Revision Commission; and Ms. Huefner spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to pass HJR 15 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **2nd Sub. H.B. 124 -- Campaign Funds Expenditure Restrictions**

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to adopt the following amendment:

1. *Page 1, Line 25:*

25 ▶ prohibits a candidate {~~, a judge,~~} or an officeholder from using campaign contributions

2. *Page 2, Line 39:*

39 {~~20A-12-303, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 166~~}

3. *Page 18, Lines 543 through 551:*

543 {~~Section 7. Section 20A-12-303 is amended to read:~~
544 ~~20A-12-303. Separate account for campaign funds:~~
545 ~~(1) (a) The judge or the judge's personal campaign committee shall deposit each~~
546 ~~contribution in one or more separate personal campaign accounts in a financial~~
~~institution:~~
547 ~~(b) A judge may not use money deposited in a campaign account for:~~
548 ~~(i) a personal use expenditure, as defined in Section 20A-11-104; or~~
549 ~~(ii) an expenditure prohibited by law.~~
550 ~~(2) The judge or the judge's personal campaign committee may not deposit or~~
~~mingle~~
551 ~~any contributions received into a personal or business account.~~}

The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Cosgrove introduced and explained the bill.

Mr. Rasmussen spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to pass 2nd Sub. H.B. 124 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Urquhart adjourned the meeting at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes were reported by Karen C. Allred, Secretary.

Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart, Co-Chair