MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE ROOM 415, STATE CAPITOL

February 25, 2011

Members Present: Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair

Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Co-Chair

Rep. Roger Barrus Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove Rep. John Dougall Rep. Neal Hendrickson

Rep. Brian King Rep. Rhonda Menlove

Staff Present: Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director, OLRGC

Ms. Linda Error, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Chavez-Houck called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2011

meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Cosgrove absent for the

vote.

Rep. Chavez-Houck relinquished the chair to Rep. Gibson.

H.J.R. 5 Joint Rules Resolution - Legislative Ethics Commission Amendments (*Rep. R. Chavez-Houck*)

Rep. Chavez-Houck explained the bill to the committee. (handout)

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to amend the bill as follows:

- 1. Page 5, Line 148 through Page 6, Line 156:
 - 148 (3) The request shall be signed by: {-
 - 149 (a) the legislator if the requestor is an individual legislator;
 - 150 { (a) a chair of the subcommittee or committee if the requestor is a subcommittee or
 - 151 committee;
 - 152 { (c) } (b) the speaker of the House of Representatives if the requestor is the House of
 - 153 <u>Representatives;</u>

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154 { (d) } (c) the president of the Senate if the requestor is the Senate;

155 { (e) } (d) the majority leader of the caucus if the requestor is a

majority caucus; or

156 { (f) } (e) the minority leader of the caucus if the requestor is a

minority caucus.

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Dixie Huefner, Utahns for Ethical Government

MOTION: Rep. King moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion failed, with Rep. Chavez-Houck, Rep. Cosgrove, Rep. Hendrickson and Rep. King voting in favor.

Rep. Chavez-Houck resumed the chair.

H.B. 294 Political Action Committee and Political Issues Committee Expenditure Revisions (*Rep. T. Cosgrove*)

Rep. Cosgrove explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 294. The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke to the bill: Emily Brown, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel Dixie Huefner, Utahns for Ethical Government

Rep. Hendrickson declared a conflict of interest.

MOTION: Rep. Menlove moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed, with Rep. Dougall and Rep. Gibson voting in opposition.

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

Rep. Chavez-Houck adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

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	Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair	-