

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS &  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 415 STATE CAPITOL  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

Members Present:            Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Chair  
                                  Sen. Casey Anderson  
                                  Sen. Margaret Dayton  
                                  Sen. Luz Robles  
                                  Sen. Daniel Thatcher

Members Excused:         Sen. Scott K. Jenkins

Staff Present:             Mr. Rich North, Policy Analyst  
                                  Ms. Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Knudson announced that S.B. 250 would not be heard today.

Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting.  
The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dayton absent for the vote.

**S.B. 153 Procurement Amendments (W. Niederhauser)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to replace S.B. 153 with 1st Sub. S.B. 153. The motion  
passed unanimously, with Sen. Dayton absent for the vote.

Sen. Niederhauser presented and explained this bill.

Spoke to the bill:        Mr. Kent Beers, Director, Utah State Purchasing  
                                  Mr. Greg Stauffer, Associate Commissioner,  
                                  Utah System of Higher Education  
                                  Mr. James Parker, Director of Purchasing, University of Utah

**MOTION:** Sen Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed  
unanimously.

**S.B. 209 Retention of Outside Counsel, Expert Witnesses, and Litigation Support  
Services  
by the Attorney General's Office (J. S. Adams)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to replace S.B. 209 with 1st Sub. S.B. 209. The motion

passed unanimously.

Sen. Adams presented and explained this bill.

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Wade Farraway, Assistant Attorney General,  
Utah Attorney General's Office

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Casey Hill, President, Utah Civil Justice League

**MOTION:** Sen. Robles moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed, with Sen. Dayton voting in opposition.

**H.B. 105 Official Voter Register Amendments (M. Newbold)**

Rep. Newbold presented and explained this bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 494 Campaign Finance Amendments (S. Barlow)**

Rep. Barlow presented and explained this bill.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Mark Thomas, Director of Elections,  
Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 288 Impact Fee Amendments (M. Morley)**

Rep. Morley presented and explained this bill.

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Jodi Hoffman, Lobbyist, Utah League of Cities and Towns  
Mr. Mike Ostermiller, Utah Property Rights Coalition  
Mr. Chris Kyler, Utah Association of Realtors  
Ms. Taz Biesinger, Utah Home Builder's Association

Spoke against the bill: Mr. Scott Lilja, Attorney, Mutual Water Companies

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Dale Pearson, Executive Director, Rural Water  
Association of Utah

Sen. Anderson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 302 Land Use Penalties (M. Morley)**

Rep. Morley presented and explained this bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes reported by Lorna Wells, Secretary.

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Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Committee Chair