

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & WORKFORCE  
SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 215, Senate Building

March 5, 2013

Members Present: Sen. Aaron Osmond, Chair  
Sen. Patricia W. Jones  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. Stuart C. Reid  
Sen. Jerry Stevenson

Staff Present: Mr. Ben Christensen, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Osmond called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Reid moved to adopt the minutes of March 4, 2013. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Knudson and Stevenson absent for the vote.

**1st Sub. S.B. 177 Highway Designation Amendments** (*S Reid*)

Sen. Reid introduced and explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Reid moved to transmit **1st Sub. S.B. 177** favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Mayne voting in opposition to the bill and Sens. Knudson and Stevenson absent for the vote.

**S.B. 267 New Convention Hotel Development Incentive Act** (*J. S. Adams*)

Sen. Adams introduced and explained the bill assisted by Jeff Sachs, Strategic Advisor Group.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to amend the bill as follows:

*1. Page 5, Lines 140 through 143:*

140            ~~{(a) includes at least 850 guest rooms;}~~

141            ~~{(b)}~~    (a)    includes at least 85 square feet of convention and meeting space  
per guest room;

142            and

143            ~~{(c)}~~    (b)    is located within 1,000 feet of a convention center that contains at  
least 500,000

The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Terry Schow, Director, Utah Veterans Affairs  
David Webster, Partner, Western States Lodging  
Linda Wardell, General Manager, City Creek Center  
Carlene Walker, Past Chair, Visit Salt Lake  
Bill Knowles, Downtown Ombudsman  
Jeffrey Edwards, President & CEO, EDCUtah  
Ryan Kelly, Digital Rights Management

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Connor Boyack, President, Libertas Utah  
Jordan Garn, Utah Hotel and Lodging Association  
Royce Van Tassell, Utah Taxpayers Association  
Ron Mortensen, Citizens for Tax Fairness  
Melva Sine, Utah Restaurant Association  
Clint Ensign, Senior Vice President, C.E.O., Sinclair

**MOTION:** Sen. Reid moved to transmit **S.B. 267** favorably as amended. The motion passed with Sen. Jones voting in opposition.

**1st Sub. H.B. 336 Amendments to Economic Development** (*R. Wilcox*)

Rep. Wilcox introduced and explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to transmit **1st Sub. H.B. 336** favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Okerlund and Reid absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to place **1st Sub. H.B. 336** on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Okerlund and Reid absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Okerlund and Reid absent for the vote. Chair Osmond adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.