

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
Room 30, House Building  
February 10, 2016**

**Members Present:** Rep. Jack R. Draxler, Chair  
Rep. Brad M. Daw, Vice Chair  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Fred C. Cox  
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Dean Sanpei

**Members Absent:** Rep. Keith Grover

**Staff Present:** Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Sandra Hash, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Draxler called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Chavez-Houck absent for the vote.

**H.B. 197 Lobbying by State Agencies Amendments (*Rep. M. Roberts*)**

Rep. Roberts explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum  
Zachary Frankel, Executive Director, Utah Rivers Council

Spoke against the bill: Jacey Skinner, General Counsel to the Governor  
Kory Holdaway, Utah Public Employee's Association

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 197 with 2nd Sub. The motion passed with Rep. Arent voting in opposition and Rep. Chavez-Houck absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 110      Inactive Voter Amendments (*Rep. C. Hall*)**

Rep. Hall explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill:      Mark Thomas, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Mr. Thomas distributed the handout "Electing Non-Partisan State School Board Positions" to the committee.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Daw moved to replace H.B. 110 with 2nd Sub. H.B. 110. The motion passed with Rep. Peterson voting in opposition.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 282      State Contractor Employee Health Coverage Amendments (*Rep. J. Dunnigan*)**

Rep. Dunnigan explained the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Peterson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**H.J.R. 5      Joint Rules Resolution on Redistricting Standards (*Rep. M. Nelson*)**

Rep. Nelson explained the resolution to the committee.

Spoke for the resolution:      Nicola Nelson, League of Women Voters of Utah

**MOTION:**      Rep. Cox moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Sanpei absent for the vote.

