

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 30, House Building
March 1, 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. Keith Grover
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Members Excused: Rep. Dean Sanpei

Staff Present: Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Draxler called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Chavez-Houck and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

H.B. 410 Military Tuition Waiver Amendments (*Rep. C. Oda*)

Rep. Oda explained the bill assisted by Brian Garrett, Salt Lake Military Affairs Committee.

Spoke for the bill: Chris Krocker National Guard Association of Utah
Spencer Jenkins Utah System of Higher Education

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass H.B. 410 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Chavez-Houck and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to place H.B. 410 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Chavez-Houck and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

S.B. 190 Open and Public Meetings Law Revisions (*Sen. K. Mayne*)

Sen. Mayne explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to pass S.B. 190 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Chavez-Houck and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

H.B. 425 Political Activities Amendments (Rep. B. Daw)

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Stan Rasmussen Sutherland Institute

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

Spoke to the bill: Connor Boyack Libertas Institute

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to refer H.B. 425 to the Rules Committee for interim study.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to hold the bill in committee. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Chavez-Houck absent for the vote.

H.B. 417 Vote by Mail Revisions (Rep. B. Daw)

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Arie Van De Graaff Utah Association of Counties

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

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass H.B. 417 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 412 Vote by Mail Changes (Rep. S. Eliason)

This bill was not considered.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Draxler adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.