

**MINUTES OF THE
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, April 18, 2007 – 2:00 p.m. – Room W020 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman, House Chair
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion
Rep. Larry B. Wiley
Rep. Carl Wimmer

Members Absent:

Sen. Jon Greiner, Senate Chair
Sen. William (Bill) Hickman
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Staff Present:

Mr. Stewart E. Smith, Policy Analyst/Special Projects Mgr.
Ms. Susan Creager Allred, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Wendy Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Representative DeMar "Bud" Bowman called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m. and said that Sen. Greiner and Rep. Seelig had asked to be excused from the meeting.

Committee members introduced themselves.

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Wimmer was absent for the vote.

2. 2007 Interim Studies / General Session Summary

Mr. Stewart Smith, committee policy analyst, reviewed legislative session statistics, committee bills, and other items of interest to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee.

3. Overview of Death Penalty and Execution Procedures

Mr. Scott Carver, Director, Utah Sentencing Commission, distributed and reviewed "Overview of Death Penalty and Execution Procedures in Utah." He presented background and historical information on the process as well as the current status of the death penalty in Utah and issues relating to lethal injection, which is the mode currently approved in Utah. He introduced a new execution method, nitrogen asphyxiation, for further discussion.

Mr. Scott Reed, attorney, Office of the Utah Attorney General, reviewed the issues being raised during death row inmate appeals and the process of lethal injection.

4. Return Survey to Chairs

The committee members discussed several issues for potential interim study and ranked their priorities before returning their survey sheets to staff.

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5. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Morley was absent for the vote.

Chair Bowman adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.