

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

April 7, 2009 – 1:30 p.m. – 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

President Michael G. Waddoups, Chair
Speaker David Clark, Vice-Chair
Sen. Gregory S. Bell
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ross I. Romero
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Kevin Garn
Rep. James Gowans
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Members Absent:

Sen. Luz Robles

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel
Ms. Beverlee LeCheminant, 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

President Waddoups called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Lockhart was absent for the vote.

2. Session Statistics

Mr. Christensen noted that the 2009 General Session Statistics shows the number of bills introduced and passed in total and by each house. He distributed an updated summary page of the statistics that were in the mailing packet: that page shows the bills vetoed and the resolutions not signed.

3. Master Study Resolution

Mr. Christensen said staff has grouped the Master Study items by interim committees. The Legislative Management Committee (LMC) can adopt staff's suggestions or make changes by moving the study items from one committee to another committee, or have the committees come back to LMC with their recommendations. He distributed and reviewed two other items requested by legislators to be added to the list.

MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to: send the Master Study Resolution items recommended by staff to the interim committee chairs with instructions to prioritize the items; and include Rep. Dee's item to study whether to require a competitive bidding or similar process before allowing the state to participate in the Public Employees' Health Program (HB 451).

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to: send the Master Study Resolution issues recommended by staff to the interim committee chairs to prioritize; include Rep. Dee's item to study whether to require a competitive bidding or similar process before allowing the state to participate in the Public Employees' Health Program (HB 451); and include Sen. Hillyard's issue of whether distracted driving should be stepped up to a Class B misdemeanor if personal injury occurs or to a Third Degree felony if death occurs. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Lockhart was absent for the vote.

4. Sunset Review and Repeal Assignments

Mr. Christensen distributed and reviewed the Sunset Act and Repeal Assignments. He indicated that staff has recommended assignments to the committees and LMC can modify those assignments or leave them as staff has suggested.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the list of recommended assignments for the Sunset Act and Repealers. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Interim Committee Issues

President Waddoups told the committee that leadership is suggesting that four interim committees be combined into two. The committees to be combined are Government Operations with Political Subdivisions and Judiciary with Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. By combining these current committees, a joint Ethics Committee and the Health System Reform Task Force could meet on interim day.

MOTION: Speaker Clark moved to set the interim committee dates for the third Wednesday of each month beginning in May and ending with November, with the exception of July, when no interim committee meetings will be held. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Killpack moved that the Senate Ethics Committee and the House Ethics Committee be made a joint interim committee to study the ethics complaint process. The motion passed unanimously.

President Waddoups said he and the Speaker have received a letter from the Retirement and Independent Entities Committee requesting permission to hold an interim meeting in May because the recent recession has made several issues related to retirement critical for careful study and consideration.

MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to go on to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Parking Policy

Mr. Bryant Howe distributed a proposed parking policy. Section 36-5-1 assigns a certain number of parking stalls on capitol hill to the legislative branch. The proposed policy directs how the parking stalls are to be allocated between the House and Senate and the three staff offices. He said that the proposed changes to the policy were necessitated by two things: 1) the parking stalls underneath the Senate Building that came online in December; and 2) when Lot P was restriped to accommodate handicapped stalls, the Legislative Branch was given an additional 11 stalls in Lot E directly under the East Public Parking.

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to approve the parking policy. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Legislative Committee Rooms

Mr. Christensen stated that staff is still working out the details of a policy relating to legislative committee rooms with the Capitol Preservation Board and will present it at a future LMC meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to go on to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Veto Override

President Waddoups said that the Senate and House have begun their poll of senators and representatives about a veto override session, but it is not yet complete.

9. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

10. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

President Waddoups adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

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