

**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 27, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Luz Robles

Staff Present:

Mr. Joseph Wade, Policy Analyst
Ms. Wendy L. 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

Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed Gov. Herbert, Sen. Bell, and Mrs. Bell to the meeting. He introduced the committee members.

2. Interview of Gregory S. Bell for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Governor Gary Herbert explained the responsibilities of and significant role that the lieutenant governor plays in governing the state. He reviewed the reasons he chose Sen. Bell as the ideal person to serve as the lieutenant governor and gave his recommendation to the Committee.

Mr. Scott Sabey, Utah State Bar Association and law partner to Sen. Bell, reviewed Sen. Bell's qualifications and gave his support to the recommendation of Gregory S. Bell as lieutenant governor.

Sen. Niederhauser commented on the void that will be left as Sen. Bell leaves the body of the Senate. He expressed his appreciation for Sen. Bell's leadership and example and expressed his support for the recommendation.

Sen. Robles expressed appreciation for how Sen. Bell listened to his constituents and added her support to his nomination, thanking him for his service in the senate.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved that this committee recommend to the full Senate that Gregory S. Bell be confirmed as the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Utah. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Bramble commented on his service alongside Sen. Bell and his appreciation for Senator Bell's qualities of leadership.

Sen. Bell expressed appreciation for the recommendation and for the friendship he feels from those he has had the privilege to serve with. He introduced his wife, JoLynn, and reviewed his personal history being raised and educated in Utah. He expressed his appreciation for the honor of being able to serve with Gov. Herbert. He said that Gov. Herbert is the man for the hour to govern right now in Utah's history.

3. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Niederhauser moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.