

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE REVENUE AND TAXATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 250, Utah State Capitol

February 12, 2014

Members Present: Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Wayne Harper
Sen. Scott Jenkins
Sen. Howard Stephenson
Sen. John Valentine

Members Excused: Sen. J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present: Mr. Leif Elder, Policy Analyst
Ms. Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

NOTE: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Stephenson, Sen. Bramble, and Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

S.B. 60 Fuel Excise Tax Amendments (*Sen. J. Valentine*)

Sen. Valentine explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Andrew Jackson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Planning Operations
Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Frank Gardner, Executive Director, Utah Association of Counties
Roger Tew, League of Cities and Towns

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble and Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

S.B. 2 Joint Resolution on Legislative Power (*Sen. A. Osmond*)

Sen. Osmond explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Roger Tew, League of Cities and Towns

Spoke against the bill: Mark Mickelson, Executive Director, Utah Education Association

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Valentine and Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

S.B. 136 Local Elections Amendments (Sen. H. Stephenson)

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to amend the bill as follows:

I. *Page 3, Line 80:*

80 (15) "Local tax law" means a local law . passed by a political subdivision with an annual or biannual calendar fiscal year. that increases a tax or imposes a new tax.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Davis, and Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Harper moved to amend the bill as follows:

I. *Page 7, Lines 205 through 206:*

205 (1) An election officer {shall} may administer an election on a referendum
challenging a local
206 tax law entirely by absentee ballot.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis, and Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Mark Thomas, Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office
Arie Van De Graaff, Legislative Analyst, Utah Association of Counties

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis and Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

S.B. 180 Property Tax Modifications (Sen. W. Harper)

Sen. Harper explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen Harper moved to replace S.B. 180 with 1st Sub. S.B. 180. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Von Christensen, Financial Audit Director, Utah State Auditor's Office

MOTION: Sen. Harper moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

S.B. 182 Motor Fuel Tax Revisions (*Sen. J. Dabakis*)

Not considered.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

Chair Henderson adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, Chair