

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

Room 445, State Capitol

February 18, 2015

**Members Present:** Rep. Daniel McCay, Chair  
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Rich Cunningham  
Rep. Gage Froerer  
Rep. Brian M. Greene  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. John Knotwell  
Rep. Mike K. McKell  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers  
Rep. Jon E. Stanard

**Staff Present:** Mr. Leif G. Elder, Policy Analyst  
Ms. An Bradshaw, Secretary

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

Chair McCay called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Froerer, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. Knotwell, and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

**H.J.R. 14      Joint Resolution Calling for a Convention to Amend the Constitution of the United States (*Rep. K. Ivory*)**

Rep. Ivory explained the resolution to the committee with the assistance of Mark Meckler, Citizens for Self Governance, and Rep. Merrill Nelson, District 68.

Spoke for the resolution: William Tanner, citizen  
Dave Miller, Commissioner, Iron County  
Curtis A. Wood, citizen

Spoke against the resolution: Scott Bradley, citizen  
Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum  
Jason Christensen, American Independent Party

**MOTION:** Rep. Greene moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. King, Rep. McKell, and Rep. Sagers voting in opposition and Rep. Froerer and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

**H.J.R. 7      Joint Resolution Calling for a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (Rep. K. Powell)**

Rep. Powell explained the resolution to the committee. "Debts, Deficits, and the Balanced Budget Amendment" was distributed to the committee members.

Spoke for the resolution:      Bryce Christensen, Utah Federation of College Republicans  
   Masen Christensen, Utah Federation of College Republicans  
   David Luangrath, Utah Federation of College Republicans  
   Debbie Besselievre, I Am American

Spoke against the resolution: Pieder Beeli, citizen  
   Joseph Sorensen, citizen  
   George Chapman, citizen  
   Matthew Weinstein, Voices for Utah Children

**MOTION:** Rep. Stanard moved to amend the resolution as follows:

*1. Page 2, Lines 51 through 57:*

51            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah respectfully  
52   requests that this application be considered as covering the same subject matter as the  
         presently  
53   outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including, but not limited to,  
54   previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware,  
55   Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi,  
56   Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio,  
57   Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Froerer, Rep. Hutchings, and Rep. King absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ivory moved to pass the resolution out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Rep. McKell voting in opposition and Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Froerer, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. King, and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

**H.B. 273      Interest Rate Swap Amendments (*Rep. J. Knotwell*)**

Rep. Knotwell explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of David Damschen, Chief Deputy, State Treasurer's Office.

Spoke for the bill:      George Chapman, citizen

**MOTION:**      Rep. McKell moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Froerer, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. King, and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Knotwell moved to place H.B. 273 on the Consent Calendar. The motion failed with Rep. McCay and Rep. Sagers voting in opposition and Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Froerer, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. King, and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Froerer, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. King, and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

Chair McCay adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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**Daniel McCay, chair**