

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE BUSINESS AND LABOR STANDING COMMITTEE**  
215 Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex  
February 16, 2016

**Members Present:** Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. Todd Weiler

**Staff Present:** Mr. Joseph T. Wade, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Davis, Sen. Henderson, and Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

**S.B. 138 Health Insurance Coverage for Emergency Care (*K. Mayne*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to adopt **1<sup>st</sup> Sub. S.B. 138**. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis, Sen. Henderson, and Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

Sen. Mayne explained the bill to the committee assisted by Cathy Dupont, Attorney, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

Spoke for the bill: Travis Wood, Executive Director, Utah Health Plans  
Michelle McOmber, CEO, Utah Medical Association  
Jason Stevenson, Education and Communications Director, Utah Health Policy Project

Tanji Northrup, Assistant Commissioner, Utah Insurance Department, answered questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 3, Lines 59 through 64:*

59           (5) Notwithstanding Section 31A-2-308, if the commissioner finds an insurer has  
60           violated this section, the commissioner may:  
61           (a) work with the insurer to improve the insurer's compliance with this section; or

- 62            (b) impose the following fines:  
63            (i) not more than \$5,000; or  
64            (ii) twice the amount of any profit gained [from violations of this section](#) .

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**S.B. 141    Alcohol Amendments (*J. Dabakis*)**

Sen. Dabakis explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill:            Melva Sine, President, Utah Restaurant Association

Spoke against the bill:    Stan Rasmussen, Director of Public Affairs, Sutherland Institute  
   Laura Bunker, President, United Families International  
   (Also distributed a handout)  
   Art Brown, citizen  
   Pat Bird, Director of Operations, Utah Prevention Network

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to discuss the next two bills on the agenda before voting on this bill. The motion passed unanimously.

**S.B. 83     Alcoholic Beverage Control Budget (*K. Mayne*)**

**S.B. 84     Alcoholic Beverage Control Facilitator (*K. Mayne*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved that **S.B. 83** and **S.B. 84** be sent to Interim Study.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved that **S.B. 83**, **S.B. 84**, and **S.B. 141** be sent to Interim Study. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 230    Workers' Compensation Fund Amendments (*V. Peterson*)**

Rep. Peterson explained the bill to the committee.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis and Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

**S.B. 146    Workers' Compensation Amendments (*S. Urquhart*)**

Sen. Urquhart explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Jason Maughan, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Labor Commission

Spoke for the bill: Gene Miller, Attorney, Workers' Compensation Fund  
Dave Davis, President, Utah Food Industry Association, Utah Retail  
Merchants Association

Spoke against the bill: Richard Burke, Attorney, Utah Association for Justice

**MOTION:** Sen. Henderson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed  
unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Henderson oved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bramble adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

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Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair