

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL
SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 415, Utah State Capital

March 2, 2016

Members Present: Sen. Margaret Dayton, Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Alvin B. Jackson
Sen. David Hinkins
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

Members Excused: Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Staff Present: Ms. Megan Bolin, Policy Analyst
Ms. Lori Brinkerhoff, Secretary

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

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to accept the minutes from 3/1/2016.

S.B. 246 Funding for Infrastructure Revisions (*Sen. J. S. Adams*)

Sen. Adams explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to replace S.B. 246 with 1st Sub. S.B. 246. The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke for the bill: Jeff Hill, C.P.A. Bountiful, UT
Jay Potter, Carbon County Commissioner

Spoke to the bill: Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute

Spoke against the bill: Tim Wagner, Utah Physicians for Healthy Utah
Chase Thomas, Alliance for a Better Utah
Kate Savage, Wasatch Rising Tide

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass 1st Sub S.B. 246 out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Escamilla voting in opposition.

H.J.R. 11 Joint Resolution Designating Utah as a Purple Heart State (*Rep. F. Cox*)

Rep. Cox explained the resolution to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Jackson moved to pass H.J.R. 11 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jackson moved to place H.J.R. 11 on the Consent Calendar.

H.B. 334 S01 Voting Revisions (Rep. B. Daw)

Rep. Daw explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mark Thomas, Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office
Arie Van Degraff, Utah Association of Counties

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

I. Page 7, Lines 190 through 195a
House Floor Amendments
2-29-2016:

190 (3) (a) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that all voting equipment used
[complies
191 with the requirements of this section.] in the state ~~it~~;
~~191a (i)~~ ~~it~~ is independently tested using security testing
192 protocols and standards that:
193 ~~it~~ ~~(i)~~ ~~(A)~~ ~~it~~ are generally accepted in the industry at the time the
lieutenant
193a governor reviews the
194 voting equipment for certification; and
195 ~~it~~ ~~(ii)~~ ~~(B)~~ ~~it~~ meet the requirements of Subsection (3)(b) ~~it~~
~~(i)~~ ~~and~~
~~195a (ii) is able to be used to cast a ranked-choice ballot.~~ ~~it~~

2. Page 7, Line 207
House Floor Amendments
2-29-2016:

207 Commission to test voting equipment.
(d) Voting equipment used in the state may include technology that allows for ranked-choice voting.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jackson moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 334 as amended out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins absent for the vote.

H.B. 366 Attorney General Amendments (Rep. E. Hutchings)

Rep. Hutchings explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Jackson moved to pass H.B. 366 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jackson moved to place H.B. 366 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins absent for the vote.

H.B. 270 Constitutional Defense Restricted Account Amendments (*Rep. M. Noel*)

Rep. Noel explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Jackson moved to pass H.B. 270 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jackson move to place H.B. 270 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins absent for the vote.

H.B. 220 Legislative Organization Amendments (*Rep. L. Christensen*)

Rep. Christensen explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke against the bill: Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Patrice Arent

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.B. 220 out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Escamilla and Sen. Thatcher voting in opposition.

H.B. 86 S01 Postretirement Employment Restrictions (*Rep. R. Cunningham*)

This bill was not heard.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Sen. Margaret Dayton, Chair

