

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2006
ROOM W020, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Chair
 Sen. Allen M. Christensen
 Sen. Gene Davis
 Sen. Brent Goodfellow
 Sen. Bill Hickman

Staff Present: Rich North, Policy Analyst
 Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Jodi Hoffman, Utah League of Cities & Towns
 Karl Hendrickson, Utah Assn. of Counties
 Steven H. Peterson, Utah School Board Assn.
 Dean Steel, Utah Risk Management
 Lorene Miller
 Nichole Cline, Tooele Planning Commission
 Richard Maughan, Davis County Recorder
 Tony Patterson, Attorney General Office
 Brad Randall, Randall Distributing
 Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah
 Gary Thorup, Utah Petroleum & Mining Assn.
 John Hill, UPMRA

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

Committee Chair Hellewell called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to approved the minutes of the Jan. 20, 2006 meeting.

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

1. S.B. 0113 Governmental Immunity Limits (H. Stephenson)

Stephenson explained the purpose of the bill.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the bill:

Jodi Hoffman, Utah League of Cities & Towns
Karl Hendrickson, Utah Assn. of Counties
Steven H. Peterson, Utah School Board Assn.
Dean Steel, Utah Risk Management

Lorene Miller spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to go to the next item on the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **S.B. 0132 Surplus Property Amendments** (P. Knudson)

Sen. Knudson explained the bill provides for the sale of personal handheld electronic devices to certain users upon a change in employment status.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis being absent for the vote.

3. **S.B. 0127 Vacating or Changing a Subdivision Plat** (P. Knudson)

Sen. Knudson explained that the bill modifies county and municipal provisions relating to land use and development.

Nicole Cline, Tooele County Planning Commission, spoke in support of the bill.

Richard Maughan, Davis County Recorder, spoke of concerns he had with the bill if it passes the way it is written.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis being absent for the vote.

4. **H.B. 0029 Township Amendments** (L. Christensen)

Rep. Christensen explained that the bill modifies the criteria that an unincorporated area is required to meet in order to be designated as a township.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis being absent for the vote.

5. **H.B. 0043 Sunset Review and Reauthorization** (J. Alexander)

Rep. Alexander explained the bill.

Tony Patterson, Attorney General's Office, spoke in opposition to the bill, specifically to the repeal date of the Motor Fuel Marketing Act.

The following individuals spoke in support of the bill:

John Hill, UPMRA
Royleayne Fairclough, AAA Utah
Gary Thorpe, Utah Petroelum
Brad Randall, Randall Distributing

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis being absent for the vote.

6. **H.J.R. 003 Joint Rules Resolution - Base Budget Process** (R. Bigelow)

Rep. Bigelow explained the bill and the amendments made to the bill on the House Floor.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed with Sen. Hickman voting in opposition to the bill and with Sen. Davis being absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Hellewell adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Committee Chair