



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair  
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Vice Chair  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. John D. Johnson  
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher  
Sen. Jen Plumb

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams

**Staff Present:**

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

### 1. S.B. 144 Public Art Funding Amendments (*Millner, A.*)

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to replace S.B. 144 with 1st Substitute S.B. 144. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. Millner presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 144 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers

### 2. H.B. 77 Division of Human Resource Management Amendments (*Gricius, S.*)

Rep. Stephanie Gricius presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Winterton moved to pass H.B. 77 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers

### 3. H.B. 87 Department of Government Operations Revisions (*Gricius, S.*)

Rep. Stephanie Gricius presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 87 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers

**4. S.B. 113 Disposition of State Property Amendments (*Buxton, D. G.*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to replace S.B. 113 with 1st Substitute S.B. 113. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Buxton presented the bill.

Scott L. Smith, Physician, Developmental Center Governing Board, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jim Russell, Director, Division of Facilities and Construction Management spoke in favor of the bill.

Jennifer May, Governing Board, Utah Development Center, and family member of Board spoke in opposition to the bill.

Emilie Campbell, parent of Development Center resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 113 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

**5. H.B. 227 Municipal Office Modifications (*Welton, D.*)**

Rep. Douglas Welton presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 227 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. J. Adams

## **6. H.B. 160 Campaign Funding Amendments (*Teuscher, J.*)**

Rep. Jordan Teuscher presented the bill.

[HB 160 Campaign Funding Amendments](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to amend H.B. 160 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 160

1. Page 3, Lines 59 through 60:

59 (III) repair or replacement of clothing that is damaged while the candidate or officeholder is engaged in an  
60 activity of a candidate or officeholder;

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. J. Adams

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 160 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. J. Adams

**MOTION:** Sen. Pitcher moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. J. Adams

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

