

House Floor Time

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Bill: 2nd substitute HB 178 – School Zone Speeding Amendments

Sponsor: Representative C. Moss

Floor Sponsor: Senator Weiler

UASD Position: Support

This Bill addresses penalties for speeding in a school zone.

Discussion: The sponsor motioned to concur with Senate Amendments, explaining limited language changes that were made. The House concurred with the Senate Amendments.

Yeas: 63

Nays: 3

N/V: 9

Outcome: 2nd substitute HB 178 passed out of the House.

Bill: 4th substitute HB 165 – Critical Infrastructure Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Brooks

Floor Sponsor: Senator Stratton

UASD Position: Track

This Bill enacts provisions regarding foreign adversary threats to critical infrastructure.

Discussion: The sponsor moved to adopt the Conference Committee report and explained that the report includes several revisions to the Bill. The changes include language in line 90 relating to manual operations, updates in line 100 concerning reporting requirements for the Division of Technology Services (“DTS”), revisions in line 140 regarding the updating of software services, and modifications in line 193 addressing reporting requirements related to the federal list of adversarial countries. The House adopted the Conference Committee report.

Yeas: 68

Nays: 1

N/V: 6

Outcome: 4th substitute HB 165 passed out of the House.

Bill: 3rd substitute HR 7 – House Rules Modifications

Sponsor: Representative Dunnigan

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: TBD

This Bill resolution modifies House Rules.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 3rd Substitute, which requires Bill sponsors to present legislation from the sponsor table rather than from the Committee dais. The House adopted the substitute.

Representative M. Petersen questioned the purpose of requiring presentations from the sponsor table. The sponsor explained that the change ensures that all presenters speak from the same designated area when addressing legislation before a Committee.

Yeas: 74
Nays: 0
N/V: 1

Outcome: 3rd substitute HR 7 passed out of the House.

Bill: 5th substitute HB 450 – Data Privacy Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Shallenberger

Floor Sponsor: Senator Cullimore

UASD Position: Track

This Bill amends the Government Data Privacy Act and the Government Records Access and Management Act.

Discussion: The sponsor explained that additional work had been completed in coordination with the State Auditor's Office. Representative Cutler spoke in support of the 5th substitute, noting that it removes funding for privacy auditors and eliminates the position of a state privacy auditor. Representative Cutler explained that under the substitute, the Data Privacy Office would continue to handle privacy matters, while the State Auditor's Office would remain responsible for auditing functions. Representative Clancy questioned whether the Bill would affect law enforcement activities. The sponsor clarified that the legislation does not impact law enforcement operations. The House adopted the 5th substitute. The sponsor then presented the Bill, and Representative Chevrier spoke in support of the legislation.

Yeas: 72
Nays: 0
N/V: 3

Outcome: 5th substitute HB 450 passed out of the House.

Bill: HB 544 – County Land Use Authority Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Chevrier

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill requires a county to accept and process a plan review application for a single-family dwelling on a qualifying parcel that is not part of a subdivision.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. There was no further discussion.

Yeas: 69

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: HB 544 passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st substitute HB 548 – Primary Election Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Stoddard

Floor Sponsor: Senator McKell

UASD Position: Track and amend

This Bill addresses primary elections.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that additional work had been completed with stakeholders in the creation of the 1st substitute, which the House adopted.

Representative Shelley expressed concern regarding the potential increase in the number of candidates filing for office if a primary election is eliminated. The sponsor responded that multiple election cycles can create voter fatigue and impose financial burdens on candidates.

Representative Shepherd discussed the current election system and stated that observing how candidates perform during a primary election is an important part of the electoral process, expressing opposition to the Bill. Representative Auxier questioned how the proposal would affect partisan races. The sponsor clarified that the legislation applies only to nonpartisan races, which removes the influence of political parties from the ballot in those contests. Representative Auxier noted that the change could broaden the field of candidates and distribute votes across a larger group.

Representative Albrecht explained that the Bill does not mandate changes but instead provides smaller cities the option to eliminate a primary election, allowing them to avoid the associated administrative costs.

Yeas: 40

Nays: 30

N/V: 5

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 548 passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st substitute HCR 9 – Concurrent Resolution Addressing the Great Salt Lake

Sponsor: Representative Elison

Floor Sponsor: Senator Sandall

UASD Position: TBD

This resolution urges federal assistance in stabilizing and restoring the Great Salt Lake.

Discussion: The Bill was circled.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: The Bill was circled.

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