

Evening Senate Floor Time

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Bill: 3rd substitute SB 262 - Law Enforcement Usage of Unmarked Vehicles

Sponsor: Senator McCay

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill prohibits a law enforcement agency from using an unmarked law enforcement vehicle for certain purposes.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 3rd substitute, which was adopted by the Senate. He then presented the Bill.

Senator Owens asked which law enforcement agencies support the Bill. The sponsor responded that agencies are less opposed than before and stated that discussions have taken place with the Utah Sheriffs' Association and the Utah Highway Patrol. Senator Owens expressed concern, noting that some law enforcement agencies do not favor the measure.

Senator Escamilla spoke in support of the Bill, emphasizing the need for the legislation due to increasing instances of individuals impersonating law enforcement officers and highlighting safety concerns, particularly for women. Senator Brammer asked what difference it makes at night whether a police vehicle is marked or unmarked, noting that drivers cannot easily distinguish between the two in the dark and referencing incidents in which private citizens have used red lights to pull drivers over. Senator Ipson spoke in opposition, stating that the Legislature should not remove tools from law enforcement and that legislation should instead focus on addressing individuals who impersonate officers rather than limiting law enforcement's ability to serve and protect their communities. Senator Riebe commented that she recognizes both the concerns addressed by the Bill and the potential drawbacks.

The Utah Chiefs of Police Association, Utah Sheriffs' Association, Utah Highway Patrol, and the Law Enforcement Legislative Committee are opposed to the Bill.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 18

N/V: 3

Outcome: 3rd substitute SB 262 failed to pass out of the Senate.

Bill: 4th substitute SB 97 - Tax Revenue Amendments

Sponsor: Senator McCay

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track; amended

This Bill modifies provisions related to tax revenue.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 4th substitute and Senate Amendment 1, which were adopted by the Senate. The sponsor explained that the 4th substitute cleans up language related to the multicounty appraisal trust and addresses concerns raised by the Utah State Tax Commission regarding the residential property tax exemption. Senate Amendment 1 removes provisions that would have reduced the residential property tax exemption for rental housing and instead maintains the consistent 45% residential exemption for residential property used as housing. Senator Winterton asked whether adopting the amendment would encourage or discourage home ownership. The sponsor responded that, in practice, any increase in the tax burden would likely be passed on to tenants, reflecting the realities of the housing market.

The sponsor then presented the Bill. No further discussion occurred.

Yeas: 14

Nays: 15

N/V: 0

Outcome: 4th substitute SB 97, as amended, failed to pass out of the Senate.

Bill: 3rd substitute SB 78 - Property Tax Relief Amendments

Sponsor: Senator McCay

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies property tax relief provisions

Discussion: The sponsor motioned to circle.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: 3rd substitute SB 78 was circled.
