

Morning Senate Floor Time

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Bill: 3rd substitute HB 507 - State Coordination of Regional and Local Economic Development Projects Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Roberts

Floor Sponsor: Senator Cullimore

UASD Position: Track and Amend

This Bill addresses local and regional economic development projects and related provisions.

Discussion: The Senate refused to concur with the House. A Conference Committee will be created to discuss the Bill.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: The Senate refused to concur with the House.

Bill: 1st substitute SB 228 - Community Reinvestment Agency

Sponsor: Senator Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Walter

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies requirements for dissolving a community reinvestment agency project area.

Discussion: The sponsor motioned to concur with the amendments adopted by the House. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 1st substitute SB 228 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd substitute SB 123 - Privacy and Cybersecurity Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Wilcox

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies provisions related to the Utah Cyber Center

Discussion: The sponsor motioned to concur with the amendments adopted by the House. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 27
Nays: 0
N/V: 2

Outcome: 2nd substitute SB 123 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 5th substitute HB 247 - Great Salt Lake Related Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Ward
Floor Sponsor: Senator Sandall
UASD Position: Track

This Bill addresses activities that are related to the Great Salt Lake.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 5th substitute, explaining that it addresses the fiscal note. The Senate adopted the substitute. The sponsor then presented the Bill. Senator Stratton asked what changes were being made regarding the tax on brine shrimp. The sponsor explained that the 5th substitute reflects an agreed-upon solution under which the brine shrimp tax returns to the rate that was in place four years ago. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 21
Nays: 0
N/V: 8

Outcome: Under suspension of the rules, 5th substitute HB 247 passed the second and third readings and passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 5th substitute HB 361 - Election Provisions Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Shepherd
Floor Sponsor: Senator Winterton
UASD Position: Track

This Bill amends provisions relating to elections.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Senator Pitcher then presented the 5th substitute, explaining that it includes requested language from county clerks regarding how a candidate's name may appear on the ballot. The substitute allows a candidate to use a middle name or maiden name when listing the candidate's name on the ballot. The Senate adopted the 5th substitute. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 27
Nays: 0
N/V: 2

Outcome: Under suspension of the rules, 5th substitute HB 361 passed the second and third readings and passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd substitute HB 113 - Emergency Reporting Abuse Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Monson

Floor Sponsor: Senator Fillmore

UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends the criminal offense of emergency reporting abuse.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 1

N/V: 5

Outcome: Under suspension of the rules, 2nd substitute HB 113 passed the second and third readings and passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd substitute HCR 9 - Concurrent Resolution Addressing the Great Salt Lake

Sponsor: Representative Elison

Floor Sponsor: Senator Sandall

UASD Position: Support

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

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Resolution. Senator Blouin proposed the 3rd substitute, explaining that it acknowledges continued partisanship across multiple administrations. The substitute removes language referring to a specific federal administration and instead recognizes concerns about agriculture as a major factor, along with climate change, as drivers of the depletion of the Great Salt Lake ("Lake"). The substitute also emphasizes the urgency of the issue and the funding commitments made across several administrations. The sponsor indicated that the substitute was unfriendly.

Senator Brammer asked Senator Blouin whether he believed agriculture was hostile to addressing the depletion of the Lake. Senator Blouin responded that he did not believe agriculture was hostile, but stated that agriculture is related to roughly two-thirds of the Lake's water depletion. Senator Brammer then asked where that statistic came from. Senator Blouin responded that it is widely known but did not cite a specific source. Concern was raised that the Resolution appeared to be attempting to assign blame and create conflict regarding the Great Salt Lake. The Senate did not adopt the substitute. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 1

N/V: 2

Outcome: Under suspension of the rules, 2nd substitute HCR 9 passed the second and third readings and passed out of the Senate.

