

Minutes: Senate State Affairs

Wednesday, February 05, 2025 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Present: Sen. Beal, Sen. Deibert, Sen. Jensen (Kevin), Sen. Karr, Sen. Larson, Sen. Peterson (Sue), Sen. Pischke, Sen. Perry, and Sen. Mehlhaff

The meeting was called to order by Senator Mehlhaff

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 03RD

Moved by: Perry
Second by: Beal
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

MOTION: INTRODUCE A BILL AT THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ENTITLED:

An Act to reduce the growth in the assessed value of owner-occupied property tax assessments

Moved by: Perry
Second by: Beal
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Present (8-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Beal, Deibert, Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Larson, Peterson (Sue), Perry, and Mehlhaff

Excused: Pischke

SB 6 : make an appropriation to support capital and infrastructure projects necessitated by the expansion of Ellsworth Air Force Base and to declare an emergency.

Presented by: Senator Helene Duhamel

Proponents: Lt. General (retired) Jim Kowalski, Self, Former Elsworth Air Base Commander, Shreveport LA (Handout(s) HO#2)
Scott Landguth, SD Ellsworth Development Authority, Box Elder
Kevin Case, Douglas School District 51-1, Box Elder (Handout(s) HO#3)
Trista Olney, Douglas School District, Box Elder
Mary Williams, Self, Mayor of Wall, Wall
Gary Drewes, Pennington County Commissioner, Rapid City
Jessica Carr, South Dakota Municipal League, Fort Pierre
Garth Wadsworth, Elevate Rapid City, Rapid City
Kyle Peters, City of Box Elder

Opponents: John James, Self, Rapid City
Brian Burge, Self, Beresford
Steven Kohler, Bureau of Finance and Management

MOTION: REFER SB 6 TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Karr

Second by: Deibert
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Present (8-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Beal, Deibert, Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Perry, and Mehlhaff

Excused: Larson

SB 16 : set aside certain contractor's excise tax collections relating to the Ellsworth Air Force Base, to create a fund for the collections, and to provide an appropriation therefor.

Presented by: Senator Taffy Howard (Handout(s) HO#1)

Proponents: Lt. General (retired) Jim Kowalski, Self, Former Elsworth Air Base Commander, Shreveport LA (Handout(s) HO#2)
Scott Landguth, SD Ellsworth Development Authority, Box Elder
Kevin Case, Douglas School District 51-1, Box Elder (Handout(s) HO#3)
Trista Olney, Douglas School District, Box Elder
Gary Drewes, Pennington County Commissioner, Rapid City
Garth Wadsworth, Elevate Rapid City, Rapid City
Kyle Peters, City of Box Elder

Opponents: Brian Burge, Self, Beresford
Derek Johnson, Bureau of Finance and Management
Bill Van Camp, South Dakota Retailers Association, Pierre

MOTION: REFER SB 16 TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Karr
Second by: Deibert
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Present (8-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Beal, Deibert, Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Perry, and Mehlhaff

Excused: Larson

SB 56 : authorize the payment of lease rental obligations to the South Dakota Building Authority by the Bureau of Finance and Management, to make an appropriation therefore, and to declare an emergency.

Presented by: Jim Terwilliger, Commissioner Bureau of Finance and Management

Proponents: Brenda Forman, South Dakota Association of Cooperatives, Pierre
Matthew M. Bouge, South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation, Huron
Bill Van Camp, South Dakota Retailers Association, Pierre

MOTION: REFER SB 56 TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Karr
Second by: Beal
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (8-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Beal, Deibert, Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Perry, and Mehlhaff

Excused: Larson

SB 105 : establish election day as a legal holiday.

Presented by: Senator Tom Pischke

MOTION: TO TABLE SB 105

Moved by: Perry

Second by: Karr

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (8-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Beal, Deibert, Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Perry, and Mehlhaff

Excused: Larson

SB 106 : require an individual be registered as a voter of this state before being eligible to be a petition sponsor for a ballot measure.

Presented by: Senator David Wheeler

Proponents: T.J. Nelson, FGA Action, Tallahassee, FL
Megan Tschetter, Self, Hartford

MOTION: DO PASS SB 106

Moved by: Pischke

Second by: Jensen (Kevin)

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (8-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Beal, Deibert, Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Perry, and Mehlhaff

Excused: Larson

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 106 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Perry

Second by: Deibert

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Doug Mortenson, Committee Secretary

/s/ JIM MEHLHAFF
Jim Mehlhaff, Chair