

Minutes: Senate State Affairs

Monday, February 10, 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 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 07TH

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

SB 176 : clarify the discovery procedures and powers of the Government Operations and Audit Committee.

Presented by: Senator David Wheeler

MOTION: AMEND SB 176

176A

On page 1, line 21, of the Introduced bill, after "committee" insert ".
Any individual authorized by the committee to conduct an investigation must comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding confidentiality and any additional restrictions imposed by the committee"

Moved by: Peterson (Sue)
Second by: Pischke
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

MOTION: DO PASS SB 176 AS AMENDED

Moved by: Deibert
Second by: Jensen (Kevin)
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (9-0-0-0)

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

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 176 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

SB 91 : revise the requirements for a petition to initiate a measure or constitutional amendment or to refer a law.

Presented by: Senator Amber Hulse (Handout(s) HO#1, HO#2)
Proponents: Zebadiah N. Johnson, Voter Defense Association of South Dakota, Sioux Falls
Tom Deadrick, Secretary of State
Rick Weible, Self, Elkton

MOTION: AMEND SB 91

91B

On page 1, line 24, of the Introduced bill, after "§ 12-27-6." insert "The title to be contained on a petition for an initiated amendment, pursuant to subdivision (3), must be included on both sides of the sheet of paper on which the petition is printed. The title printed on the back side of the petition must be printed in at least sixteen-point font."

On page 3, line 5, of the Introduced bill, after "§ 12-27-6." insert "The title to be contained on a petition for an initiated amendment, pursuant to subdivision (3), must be included on both sides of the sheet of paper on which the petition is printed. The title printed on the back side of the petition must be printed in at least sixteen-point font."

On page 4, line 27, of the Introduced bill, after "affidavit." insert "The title required to be contained on a petition to refer a law, pursuant to subdivision (1), must be included on both sides of the sheet of paper on which the petition is printed. The title printed on the back side of the petition must be printed in at least sixteen-point font."

Moved by: Peterson (Sue)
Second by: Perry
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

MOTION: DO PASS SB 91 AS AMENDED

Moved by: Deibert
Second by: Larson
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (9-0-0-0)

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

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 91 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

SB 92 : require that the secretary of state review an initiated measure and determine if the measure embraces more than one subject.

Presented by: Senator Amber Hulse
Proponents: Zebadiah N. Johnson, Voter Defense Association of South Dakota, Sioux Falls
Rick Weible, Self, Elkton
Tom Deadrick, Secretary of State

MOTION: DO PASS SB 92

Moved by: Jensen (Kevin)
Second by: Deibert
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (8-1-0-0)

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

Voting No: Karr

SB 94 : require presidential electors to vote for the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the state's general election.

Presented by: Senator Amber Hulse

MOTION: DO PASS SB 94

Moved by: Peterson (Sue)

Second by: Karr

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

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

Voting No: Pischke

SB 100 : prohibit the imposition of restrictions on the carrying of a concealed pistol and other items of self-defense while on the campus of a public institution of higher education.

Presented by: Senator Mykala Voita (Handout(s) HO#3)

Proponents: Francis Krueger, Self, Student SDSU, Brookings

Nephi Cole, Self, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Sheridan WY

Brian Gosch, National Rifle Association of America, Fairfax, VA

Colton Morehead, Self, Rapid City

Representative Phil Jensen

Opponents: Nathan Lukkes, Board of Regents

Sheila Gestring, President University of South Dakota, Vermillion (Handout(s) HO#4)

Barry Dunn, Self, President South Dakota State University, Brookings

Jenna R. Severyn, South Dakota Police Chiefs Association, Fort Pierre

Michaela Willis, VP Student Affairs and Enrollment SDSU, Brookings

Bryant Jackson, Self, University of South Dakota Chief of Police, Vermillion

Timothy Heaton, Self, Chief of University Police SDSU, Brookings

Trinity Peterson, South Dakota State University Students' Association, Brookings

Hayden Richard Bentz, South Dakota State University Students' Association, Brookings

MOTION: DO PASS SB 100

Moved by: Jensen (Kevin)

Second by: Peterson (Sue)

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (7-2-0-0)

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

Voting No: Deibert and Larson

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Karr
Second by: Deibert
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Doug Mortenson, Committee Secretary

/s/ JIM MEHLHAFF
Jim Mehlhaff, Chair