

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

55th LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 15, 2021 **TIME:** 2:00 P.M. **ROOM:** SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Kelly Townsend

ANALYST: Michael Hans

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Borrelli*	X			HB 2569	DP
Senator Mendez*	X			HCR 2023	DP
Senator Mesnard*	X				
Senator Peshlakai*	X				
Senator Petersen*	X				
Senator Quezada	X				
Senator Townsend, Vice-Chairman*	X				
Senator Ugenti-Rita, Chairman	X				

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*Participated via a teleconference platform.

Chairman Ugenti-Rita called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Ugenti-Rita stated that without objection, the minutes of the Government Committee dated March 8, 2021 are approved as distributed.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2569 – elections; private funding; prohibition – DO PASS

Hailey Froscheiser, Government Committee Intern, explained HB 2569.

Representative Hoffman, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding HB 2569.

Jennifer Marson, on behalf of the Arizona Association of Counties, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to HB 2569 and stated her concerns with the bill. Ms. Marson answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on HB 2569.

Aimee Yentes, Arizona Free Enterprise Club, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2569, provided comments regarding HB 2569 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee further discussed and offered additional comments on HB 2569.

Ms. Marson answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Scott Walter, on behalf of Capital Research Center, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified as neutral to HB 2569, stated his concerns with the bill and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee further discussed their concerns and offered additional comments on HB 2569.

Ms. Marson answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Hoffman provided closing comments on HB 2569.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HB 2569 (Attachment A).

Senator Townsend moved HB 2569 with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-0 (Attachment 1 and 1a).

Senators Mesnard, Peshlakai, Quezada and Townsend explained their vote.

HCR 2023 – elections; state authority; infringement; opposition – DO PASS

Michael Hans, Government Committee Analyst, explained HCR 2023.

Representative Hoffman, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding HCR 2023 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on HCR 2023.

Bonnie Boyce Wilson, on behalf of the League of Women Voters, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to HCR 2023 and stated her concerns with the bill.

Senator Ugenti-Rita noted that on the Request to Speak System (Attachment A) Bonnie Boyce Wilson, signed in support of HCR 2023.

Ms. Boyce Wilson stated that she is in opposition to HCR 2023.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HCR 2023 (Attachment A).

Senator Townsend moved HCR 2023 with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-0 (Attachment 2 and 2a).

Senators Peshlakai, Quezada and Ugenti-Rita explained their vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Secretary

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