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Lawmakers repeal HB477

They want to replace the law with revised government-records legislation this summer.

By ROBERT GEHRKE and LEE DAVIDSON

The Salt Lake Tribune

After enduring two weeks of public fury, Utah lawmakers voted overwhelmingly Friday to repeal a bill that would have restricted public access to government records.

While Senate President Michael Waddoups accused the media of lobbying on the issue and others blamed the press for biased coverage that turned citizens against them, Sen. Stephen Urquhart said bluntly: "We messed up. It is nobody's fault but ours."

Urquhart added, "We can do much better, to where the citizens of this state will be proud of the Legislature."

The votes to repeal HB477 were resounding: 60-3 in the House, and 19-5 in the Senate.

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PHOTOS BY LEAH HOGSTEN | The Salt Lake Tribune

Above » Susan Bowlden joins about 50 people gathered in the Capitol rotunda to cheer the expected repeal of HB477 on Friday.

Left » Utah Rep. Carl Wimmer casts his yea vote to repeal HB477. After two weeks of public fury, the Utah Legislature voted Friday to repeal the law that would have restricted public access to government records.

ALSO » ACLU OF UTAH ASKS UTAH SUPREME COURT TO DECLARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL A NEWLY ENACTED LAW THAT BANS ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES > A6

Pockets may feel emptier if you park in empty lot

Sandy » A favorite place for RSL fans, it has seen 2,600 tows in past $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.



Impounded car? It'll

cost you Speedy Towing base fees:

\$145*

Private property tow (cars and small trucks)

\$30*

Administrative

\$25* Storage per day

\$75* After-hours re-

lease of vehicle *\$275*

Total cost per day

By CIMARON NEUGEBAUER The Salt Lake Tribune

Sandy » Chris Gay had no idea when he drove to see his first soccer game at Rio Tinto Stadium that he later would walk a mile at midnight and wake his wife to get his car back.

The Salt Lake City resident was among the sellout crowd for a fall 2008 Real Salt Lake game. But, to the chagrin of many who parked at an abandoned parking lot at 203 W. 9000 South, a tow company was also in attendance.

After the game, Gay thought his car had been stolen, but then he saw another car being

Sandy police "said the car was in White City" and getting it back would cost \$250, cash only.

"I didn't have cash and it was midnight," he said.

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Online: How to file a towing complaint

If you think your car was improperly towed, you can fill out a complaint form at **utahmc.com**. The state will look into your complaint and could take action.

IMMIGRATION REFORM



CHRIS DETRICK | The Salt Lake Tribune

Keri Witte is drafting anti-HB116 documents to send to county Republican parties for passage as resolutions. The guest-worker bill was passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor.

GOP activists angry over guest-worker law work to get it repealed

By DAVID MONTERO

The Salt Lake Tribune

Still smoldering after Gov. Gary Herbert signed a guestworker immigration bill into law, Keri Witte decided to take matters into her own

So the Provo mother of two pulled out her copy of Robert's Rules of Order, a few

old resolutions she had seen drafted in the past and began drafting a document she intended to have sent to every Republican county party for

passage as a resolution. "No, I'd never written one before," she said. "But I had several friends look it over first to make sure it was OK."

It wasn't quite OK at first. Please see IMMIGRATION, A7



Qatar is first Arab nation to fly over Libya

Mideast » Qatar became the first Arab country to fly combat missions over Libya after NATO agreed to take charge of the no-fly zone over Libya. Also, a former Libyan premier says his country is ready to accept reforms, possibly including elections. > A3



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Utah college students to shoulder an extra \$38M

Higher ed » Taxpayers' share of costs has fallen from 75% to 58%.

By BRIAN MAFFLY The Salt Lake Tribune

St. George » The cost of attending college will notch up another 7.5 percent next year under tuition hikes approved Friday by the Utah Board of Regents, adding another \$38 million to students' share of running the state's eight

public colleges and universities. The increases, which range from 5 to 11.8 percent, surprised no one, coming after a third straight year of legislative funding cuts.

Regents Chairman David Jordan said the hike, although not as steep as last year's, was Please see TUITION, A10

Reactor breach at nuke plant?

JAPAN » A suspected breach at a nuclear reactor would mean radioactive contamination at the facility may be more serious than once thought. > A4

