

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5924

**AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS,
MARCH 5, 1991**

Brief Description: Removing the requirement of senate confirmation for most gubernatorial appointments.

SPONSORS: Senator McCaslin.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chairman; Roach, Vice Chairman; Madsen, Matson, and Sutherland.

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Hearing Dates: March 5, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Concern has been expressed about the manner in which the process for Senate confirmation of gubernatorial appointments is carried out. Some regents and trustees of educational and other institutions are required to be confirmed under the provisions of Art. XIII, Sec. 1 of the State Constitution.

All of the remaining confirmations are required in statutory law. It has been suggested that one solution to the problem would be to eliminate confirmation for all offices but those required by the Constitution, leaving management of the executive branch to the Governor and the policy-making boards or commissions.

SUMMARY:

All statutory references to requiring Senate confirmation of appointments of agency heads and members of boards, councils and commissions are deleted, except for the regents or trustees of institutions of higher education and of the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one

