



# MINUTES

## SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 16, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair  
Sen. Nate Blouin  
Sen. Derrin R. Owens  
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher  
Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Members Absent:**

Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Keith Grover

**Staff Present:**

Julie Humberstone, Policy Analyst  
Makelle Winger, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to approve the minutes for the February 14th, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

### 1. S.B. 158 Water Exactions Amendments (*McKell, M.*)

Sen. Michael McKell presented the bill with the assistance of Tage Flint, Former Executive Director, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to replace S.B. 158 with 1st Substitute S.B. 158. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

Justin Lee, Government Relations Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rob Jolley, Lobbyist, Prepare60 Water Conservancy Districts, commented on the bill.

Chris Kyler, CEO, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Taz Biesinger, Lobbyist, Utah Home Builders Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Sandall moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 158 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

**2. H.B. 321 Mineral Lease Amendments (*Christofferson, K.*)**

Rep. Kay Christofferson presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to pass H.B. 321 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Sandall moved to place H.B. 321 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

**3. 1st Sub. H.B. 261 Fire Related Amendments (*Snider, C.*)**

Rep. Casey Snider presented the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Riley Pilgrim, 1st Vice President, Utah State Fire Chiefs Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ashley Spatafore Mirabelli, Lobbyist, Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communication Centers, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wade Garrett, Public Policy Director, Utah State Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 261 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 261. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 261 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover

**MOTION:** Sen. Sandall moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.