

### **MINUTES**

# SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:** 

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair

Sen. Nate Blouin Sen. Keith Grover Sen. Derrin R. Owens Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Sen. Scott D. Sanda

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

Sen. David G. Buxton Sen. Stephanie Pitcher

**Staff Present:** 

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst

Emma Johnsen, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Ronald Winterton called the meeting to order at 3:53 PM.

**MOTION:** Sen. Scott D. Sandall moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2024 meeting. The motion

passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

<u>Yeas - 5</u> <u>Nays - 0</u> <u>Absent - 3</u>

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. S. Pitcher

Sen. E. Vickers Sen. R. Winterton

#### 1. S.B. 161 Energy Security Amendments (Owens, D.R.)

Sen. Derrin R. Owens presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to replace S.B. 161 with 1st Substitute S.B. 161. The motion passed with a vote

of 6 - 0 - 2.

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 Yeas - 6
 Nays - 0
 Absent - 2

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Sen. Sandall assumed the chair.

Kendalyn Harris, Mayor, Bountiful, spoke to the bill.

Maria Archibald, Lobbyist, Sierra Club Utah Chapter, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sen. Winterton assumed the chair.

Cameron Cowan, General Manager, Intermountain Power Agency, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Bryce Bird, Director, Utah Division of Air Quality, spoke to the bill.

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Katie Pappas, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Tamara Tran, Mayor, Kaysville, spoke to the bill.

Justin Lee, Deputy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Holly Daines, Mayor, Logan, spoke to the bill.

John Harvey, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 161 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 4Nays - 2Absent - 2Sen. K. GroverSen. N. BlouinSen. D. BuxtonSen. D. OwensSen. E. VickersSen. S. Pitcher

Sen. S. Sandall Sen. R. Winterton

#### 2. H.B. 120 State Park Funding Amendments (Brooks, W.)

Rep. Walt Brooks presented the bill with the assistance of Scott Strong, Deputy Director, Utah State Parks.

**MOTION:** Sen. Nate Blouin moved to pass H.B. 120 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

 Yeas - 4
 Nays - 0
 Absent - 4

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**MOTION:** Sen. Sandall moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

 Yeas - 4
 Nays - 0
 Absent - 4

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 Sen. D. Owens

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Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 4:52 PM.