

**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

ROOM 303 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

January 21, 1998

**Members Present:** Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair  
Rep. Tom Hatch, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Eli H. Anderson  
Rep. Craig W. Buttars  
Rep. Mary Carlson  
Rep. Beverly Ann Evans  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. Dennis H. Iverson  
Rep. Evan L. Olsen  
Rep. Michael R. Styer  
Rep. Jordan Tanner  
Rep. Bill Wright

**Members Absent:** Rep. Melvin R. Brown  
Rep. Daniel H. Tuttle

**Staff Present:** Connie Steffen, Research Analyst  
Beverly Weeks, Committee Secretary

**Visitors List:** List filed with Committee Minutes

Representative Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:08 am. Rep. Johnson welcomed the committee members, the public and staff.

**H.B. 45                      Wildlife License Fees (*M. Styer*)**

Rep. Styer said the bill increases fees for certain fishing and hunting licenses and dedicates money to operate, repair or replace fish hatcheries.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

John Kimball, Division of Wildlife Resources  
Collin Allan, Wildlife Board  
Don Peay, Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife  
Paul Dremann, Trout Unlimited

MOTION: Rep. Carlson moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 3, Line 11: Delete "5.00" and insert "5.75"

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Tanner absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Styler moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 7: After "MONIES;" insert "ALLOCATING LICENSE FEES FOR THE UPLAND GAME PROGRAM:"
2. Page 1, Line 12: After line 12 insert the following:  
"23-19-17, as last amended by Chapter 259, Laws of Utah 1995  
23-19-24, as last amended by Chapter 131, Laws of Utah 1988  
23-19-25, as last amended by Chapter 131, Laws of Utah 1988  
23-19-26, as last amended by Chapter 76, Laws of Utah 1986"
3. Page 2, Line 3: After line 3 insert the following:  
"Section 2. Section 23-19-17 is amended to read:  
**23-19-17. Combination license -- Resident 12 or older -- Use of fee.**  
(1) A resident 12 years of age or older, upon payment of the fee prescribed in Section 23-19-40, may receive a combination license to fish and to hunt for small game, cougar, and bear, as provided in the rules of the Wildlife Board.  
(2) One dollar of [~~that fee shall be utilized~~] the combination license fee shall be used for the hunter education program in any of the following:  
(a) instructor and student training;  
(b) assisting local organizations with development;  
(c) maintenance of existing facilities; or  
(d) operation and maintenance of the hunter education program.  
(3) Fifty cents of the combination license fee shall be used for the upland game program as follows:  
(a) to acquire pen-raised birds; or  
(b) to capture and transplant upland game species.

Section 3. Section 23-19-24 is amended to read:

**23-19-24. Small game hunting license -- Resident 14 or older -- Use of fee.**

- (1) A resident of the age of 14 years or older, upon payment of the fee prescribed in Section 23-19-40, may receive a license to hunt small game, cougar, and bear.
- (2) One dollar of [~~this fee shall be utilized~~] the small game hunting license fee shall be used as provided in Section 23-19-17.
- (3) Fifty cents of the small game hunting license fee shall be used for the upland game program as follows:  
(a) to acquire pen-raised birds; or  
(b) to capture and transplant upland game species.

Section 4. Section 23-19-25 is amended to read:

**23-19-25. Small game hunting license -- Resident 12 or 13 -- Use of fee.**

- (1) A resident under the age of 14 years and 12 years of age or older, upon payment of the fee prescribed in Section 23-19-40, may receive a license to hunt small game, cougar, and bear.
- (2) One dollar of [~~this fee shall be utilized~~] the small game hunting license fee shall be used as provided in Section 23-19-17.
- (3) Fifty cents of the small game hunting license fee shall be used for the upland game program as follows:
  - (a) to acquire pen-raised birds; or
  - (b) to capture and transplant upland game species.

Section 5. Section **23-19-26** is amended to read:

**23-19-26. Small game hunting license -- Nonresident 12 or older -- Use of fee.**

- (1) A nonresident 12 years of age or older, upon payment of the fee prescribed in Section 23-19-40, may receive a license to hunt small game, cougar, and bear.
- (2) Fifty cents of the small game hunting license fee shall be used for the upland game program as follows:
  - (a) to acquire pen-raised birds; or
  - (b) to capture and transplant upland game species."

**Renumber remaining sections accordingly.**

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Tanner absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Tanner absent for the vote.

**H.B. 217                    Edge of the Cedars State Park Access Road (K. Johnson)**

Rep. K. Johnson said the bill would allow the city of Blanding to acquire state money for the improvement of state park access roads to create a more direct route to Edge of the Cedars State Park.

Courtland Nelson, Division of Parks and Recreation, discussed the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Anderson moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Buttars, Styler, and Tanner absent for the vote

**H.B. 221                    Underground Storage Tank Amendments (B. Wright)**

Rep. Wright said the bill reauthorizes the underground storage tank program for 10 years.

MOTION: Rep. Tanner moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 252                    Water Quality Act Amendments (D. Ure)**

Rep. Ure said the bill grants the Department of Environmental Quality authority to adopt rules regarding the identification of water systems delivering treated sewage effluent.

MOTION: Rep. Hatch moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 5, Line 10: After "1991;" delete "or" and insert "and"

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Iverson absent for the vote.

Kim Christy, Utah Farm Bureau, suggested ways the bill may be amended to clarify the rulemaking authority of the department.

Rep. Ure suggested the committee hold the bill.

MOTION: Rep Styler moved to go to the next order of business.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Evans absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Olsen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the committee adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair

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Rep. Tom Hatch, Vice-Chair