

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

ROOM 303 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

January 29, 1998

Members Present: Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair
Rep. Tom Hatch, Vice-Chair
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. Mary Carlson
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Dennis H. Iverson
Rep. Evan L. Olsen
Rep. Michael R. Styler
Rep. Jordan Tanner
Rep. Daniel H. Tuttle
Rep. Bill Wright

Members Absent: Rep. Eli H. Anderson
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Beverly Ann Evans

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

Visitors List: List filed with Committee Minutes

Representative Tom Hatch, Vice-chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 1998.

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

H.B. 283 Ice Cream and Milk Dispenser Requirements (*G. Davis*)

Rep. Hatch announced the sponsor has requested the bill be held until the next meeting.

H.B. 280 Workers' Compensation Insurance Amendments (*B. Wright*)

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

1. Page 1, Line 26: After "may not" delete "require" and insert "permit"
2. Page 2, Line 1: After "may not" delete "require" and insert "permit"

The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Iverson, Olsen and Tuttle absent for the vote.

H.B. 296 **Mining Reclamation Amendments and Appropriation (J. Gowans)**

Rep. Gowans said the bill appropriates \$500,000 for the safeguarding of abandoned mines.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining showed a video tape on abandoned mine hazards.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Lowell Braxton, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Tom Bingham, Utah Mining Association

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

The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Iverson, Tuttle, and Johnson absent for the vote.

H.B. 24 **Penalty for Abandoned or Unattended Campfire (D. Hogue)**

Rep. Hogue said the current law makes it difficult to enforce prohibitions on leaving campfires. He introduced Dick Buhler, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, who noted that some deadly fires in the state have occurred due to abandoned fires.

Rep. Hatch moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 3, Line 24: After "(2)" delete "that"
2. Page 3, Line 24: After Line 24 insert:
 "(a) is a class C misdemeanor if the property damage is or exceeds \$150 but is less than \$300 in value;"
3. Page 3, Line 25: Delete "(a) does not result in damage to property" and insert "(b)"
4. Page 3, Line 25: After "misdemeanor" and before ";" insert "if property damage is or exceeds \$300 but is less than \$1,000 in value"
5. Page 3, Line 26: Delete "(b) does not result in damage to property" and insert "(c)"
6. Page 3, Line 26: After "misdemeanor" and before ";" insert "if property damage is or exceeds \$1,000 in value; and"

The motion passed with Reps Tuttle, and Buttars absent for the vote.

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

1. Page 3, Lines 18-21: Delete Lines 18-21

MOTION: Rep. Styler moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair

Rep. Tom Hatch, Vice-Chair