

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

ROOM 303 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

February 06, 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. Jordan Tanner
Rep. Daniel H. Tuttle
Rep. Bill Wright

Members Absent: Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Michael R. Styler

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

Visitors List: List filed with Committee Minutes

Representative Bradley T. Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 1998.

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

S.B. 96 **Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments (*J. Holmgren*)**

Sen. Holmgren introduced Kevin Brown, Division of Water Quality, who explained that the bill is necessary to assure the state maintains primary control over the drinking water program.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Frank O. Nishiguchi, Drinking Water Board
Russ Donoghue, Rural Water Users Association

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

The motion passed with Rep. Olsen voting in opposition.

H.B. 31 Sale of Tobacco Products (*C. Saunders*)

MOTION: Rep. Tanner moved to delete in title and body HB 31 and insert in its place Substitute H.B. 31 Sale of Tobacco Products (*C. Saunders*)

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

A handout was distributed regarding sale of cigarettes at country clubs.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Gordon Lindsey, Coalition for Tobacco Free Utah

Jim Olsen, Utah Retailers Association, said the retailers association will not stand in opposition to the bill as amended.

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

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

**S.C.R. 2 Resolution Urging Creation of the San Rafael Swell National Heritage/
Conservation Area (*M. Dmitrich*)**

Senator Dmitrich introduced Randy Johnson, Emery County Commissioner, who explained the Emery County Commission and the Public Lands Council have developed a plan for the San Rafael Swell which recognizes all the values of the area.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Kent Petersen, Emery County Commission

Don Peay, Rocky Mountain Sheep Foundation

Margaret Bird, State Office of Education

David Terry, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Rep. Keele, Johnson

Rep. Brad King

Bob Walton, Utah Chapter Sierra Club, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

The motion passed with Rep. Carlson voting in opposition.

H.B. 125 Regulation of Wildlife Outfitters and Guides (*B. Johnson*)

Rep. Johnson said the bill provides for the regulation of wildlife outfitters and guides. Utah is the only western state that does not regulate wildlife outfitters and guides.

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

1. Page 2, Line 24: After line 24 insert the following:

"(4) "Guide" or "outfitter" does not include a person who:
(a) is a Utah resident;
(b) does not publicly advertise or represent to the public at wildlife trade
shows or wildlife conventions that he or she is an outfitter or guide;
(c) accompanies a friend or acquaintance on a hunting expedition; and
(d) receives less than \$250 for any one hunt for one species."

Commenting on the amendments:

Don Peay, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife
Bob Elswood, Division of Wildlife Resources
Kim Christy, Utah Farm Bureau

The motion passed with Rep. Evans voting in opposition. Rep. Olsen was absent for the vote.

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

1. Page 2, Line 24: In subsection (6) after "not" delete 'publicly' and af ter "public" delete "at wildlife trade shows or wildlife conventions" and in subsection (d) after "\$250" delete "for any one hunt for one species" and insert "from any one hunter for each species per year"

The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Styler and Olsen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Tanner moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda.

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

H.B. 112 Underground Storage Tank Assurance Amendments (B. Wright)

Rep. Wright explained the bill makes several changes to the underground storage tank program.

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

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

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn. The motion failed on a vote of 7 to 5.

S.B. 87 **Attempted Purchase of Tobacco by Children** (*H. Stephenson*)

Sen. Stephenson said the bill places penalties on a person under the age of 19 who attempts to purchase tobacco products.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Tuttle moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair

Rep. Tom Hatch, Vice-Chair