

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

ROOM 303 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

February 12, 1998

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

Members Absent: Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. Daniel H. Tuttle
Rep. Bill Wright

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 4:12 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Olsen moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 1998.

The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Evans and Iverson absent for the vote.

S.B. 46 Urban and Community Forestry (R. Steiner)

Senator Steiner said the bill establishes the urban and community forestry program within the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Merrell Redish, Tree Utah
Dave Grierson, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

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

MOTION: Rep. Hatch called for the question.

The motion passed unanimously.

A vote was taken on Rep. Tanner's motion. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

H.B. 414 Appropriation to Support Litigation Against Creation of Escalante Monument (G. Way)

Rep. Way said the bill appropriates money to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration and the Utah Association of Counties to pay for litigation against the creation of the Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument.

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

1. Page 1, Lines 7-8: After "TO THE" delete "OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET" and insert "SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION"
2. Page 1, Line 9: After "COUNTIES" insert "AND THE SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION"
3. Page 1, Line 17: Delete "Office of Planning and Budget" and insert "School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration" and after "disbursed" delete "to" and insert "equally between"
4. Page 1, Line 18: After "Counties" insert "and the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration"
5. Page 1, Line 19: After "Counties" insert "and the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration"

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

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Michael Mower, Congressman Cannon's Office
Margaret Bird, State Office of Education
David Terry, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
Mark Walsh, Utah Association of Counties

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Bob Walton, Utah Sierra Club

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

The motion passed with Reps. Tanner and Carlson voting in opposition. Reps. Hatch and Styler were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Carlson moved that the committee be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair

Rep. Tom Hatch, Vice-Chair