

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

ROOM 303 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

February 17, 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. Styler
Rep. Jordan Tanner
Rep. Daniel H. Tuttle
Rep. Bill Wright

Members Absent: Rep. Melvin R. Brown

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

Visitors List: List filed with Committee Minutes

Representative Bradley Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Carlson moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 1998.

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

H.B. 405 Approval Requirements for Water Fluoride Treatments (*M. Carlson*)

MOTION: Rep. Carlson moved to delete in title and body HB 405 and replace in title and body 1st Substitute HB 405.

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

Rep. Carlson said the bill amends Utah law to allow a vote of the people on adding fluoride to a public water supply.

A handout describing the problem with existing law and how HB 405 allows a vote of the people on fluoride was distributed to the committee.

Lewis Garrett, Salt Lake County Health Department, explained changes made by the bill.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Lloyd Selleneit
Rae Howard, Citizens for Pure Water & Health Forum of Utah
Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Bill Barnes, Primary Children's Hospital
Tom Metcalf, American Society of Pediatric Physicians

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

The motion passed with Reps. Hatch, Wright and Olsen voting in opposition.

H.B. 418 Water Districts - Water Conservation Plan (*J. Buffmire*)

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

1. Page 2, Line 24: After "the" delete "state engineer" and insert "Division of Water Resources within the Department of Natural Resources"

The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Carlson, Tanner and Wright absent for the vote.

Rep. Buffmire said the bill requires water conservancy districts to prepare water conservation plans.

Paul Gillette, Division of Water Resources, commented on the bill.

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

The motion passed with Reps. Tanner, Iverson and Evans voting in opposition. Reps. Wright and Johnson were absent for the vote.

H.C.R. 11 Resolution Approving Industrial Waste Permit (*B. Evans*)

Rep. Evans said the resolution grants Envirotech authority to operate a commercial nonhazardous waste disposal facility. This is the first step in the approval process. The facility would have to be approved by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Don Ostler, Division of Water Quality, explained the approval process.

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

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

Rep. Buttars declared a conflict of interest.

MOTION: Rep. Carlson moved to place the bill on the consent calendar.

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

H.J.R. 17 Resolution Urging Cooperation on Siting of Radioactive Waste Facility (E. Anderson)

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

1. Page 2, Line 9: After "waste" delete "repository" and insert "interim storage facility"

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

Rep. Anderson said the resolution encourages those responsible for establishing a nuclear waste facility in Skull Valley to consider the interests of private property owners.

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

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

David Bird, Private Fuel Storage, expressed concerns with the resolution.

The following spoke in support of the resolution:

Steve Erickson, Downwinders

Doug Foxley, representing private property owners in Skull Valley

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

H.B. 404 Use of Cigarette Tax (S. Barth)

Rep. Barth said the bill allocates a portion of the cigarette tax for smoking prevention programs.

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

1. Page 1, Line 9: After "THE" delete "DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE" and insert "DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH"
2. Page 2, Line 7: After "The" delete "Division of Substance Abuse created in Section 62A-8-103" and insert "Department of Health"

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

The following spoke in support of the bill:

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Dick Melton, Department of Health
Tracy Crowell, Crowell and Associates
Mary Lou Bozich, Utah Substance Abuse Council

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

The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Johnson and Wright absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting dismissed at 9:48 a.m.

Representative Bradley T. Johnson, Chair

Representative Tom Hatch, Vice-Chair