

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

ROOM 303 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

February 24, 1998

**Members Present:** Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair  
Rep. Tom Hatch, Vice-Chair  
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

**Members Absent:** Rep. Eli H. Anderson  
Rep. Melvin R. Brown  
Rep. Bill Wright

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

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

Rep. Hatch called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 1998.

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

**H.B. 367                    Fertilizer Act Amendments (S. Barth)**

Rep. Barth said the bill requires non-nutritive ingredients in fertilizer to be listed in the application for registration and on the label.

Dick Wilson, Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Richard Koenig, Utah State University Extension, requested that the issue be studied.

Curtis Dapper, Utah Crop Protection Association, said that considerable research needs to be done in this area.

Steve Erikson, Downwinders, spoke in support of the bill.

Kim Christy, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Iverson moved to refer the bill to interim study.

The motion passed with Reps. Carlson and Tuttle voting in opposition.

**H.B. 407 Aquaculture Amendments (D. Ure)**

Rep. Ure explained the bill creates a policy board to establish policy and rules regarding the prevention and control of disease in fish.

John Kimball, Division of Wildlife Resources, answered questions from the committee.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Grant White, Utah Aquaculture Association  
Esther Williams, Utah Aquaculture Association

The following spoke in opposition to the bill and in support of HB 459, Fish Health Board and Aquaculture Amendments:

John Neihold, Trout Unlimited  
Byron Gunderson, Fish Tech Outfitters

MOTION: Rep. Carlson moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with Reps. Hatch and Johnson voting in opposition. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair

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Rep. Tom Hatch, Vice-Chair