

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

ROOM 303 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

February 8, 2000

**Members Present:** Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair  
Rep. Craig W. Buttars, Vice Chair  
Rep. Eli H. Anderson  
Rep. Mary Carlson  
Rep. David N. Cox  
Rep. Fred J. Fife III  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. Keele Johnson  
Rep. Michael R. Styler  
Rep. Jordan Tanner  
Rep. Matt Throckmorton

**Members Absent:** Rep. Melvin R. Brown  
Rep. Tom Hatch  
Rep. Evan L. Olsen

**Staff Present:** Constance C. Steffen, Research Analyst  
Louise Russell, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Craig Buttars called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Styler moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2000. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Cox, K. Johnson, and Throckmorton absent for the vote.

**H.B. 381 Appropriation for National High School Rodeo Competitions (T. Hatch)**

Rep. Buttars announced that this bill will be held.

**H.C.R. 5 Resolution on West Desert Wilderness (D. Iverson)**

**MOTION:** Rep. B. Johnson moved to amend the resolution as follows:

1. Page 2, line 46: After line 46 insert: "(9) the designation of wilderness areas in the west desert region of the state shall avoid, where possible, known deposits of economic minerals important to the future economy of Utah;"

2. Page 2, line 47: delete "(9)" and insert "(10)"
3. Page 2, line 50: delete "(10)" and insert "(11)"

The motion passed with Rep. Carlson voting in opposition and Reps. Cox and K. Johnson absent for the vote.

Rep. Iverson said the resolution urges Congress to reject a West Desert wilderness bill unless the bill includes certain provisions to protect the interests of the state. Mark Walsh, Utah Association of Counties, answered questions about the bill.

The following expressed concerns with the resolution:  
Paula Plant, Utah PTA

MOTION: Rep. Throckmorton moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed with Reps. Carlson, Fife, and Tanner voting in opposition and Rep. K. Johnson absent for the vote.

### **S.B. 28S1 Public Use of State-owned Lands (J. Hull)**

Sen. Hull said the bill authorizes the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, in conjunction with the Wildlife Board, to restrict public use of leased sovereign lands for hunting, trapping, or fishing.

The following spoke in support of the bill:  
Art DuFault, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands  
John Kimball, Division of Wildlife Resources  
Tom Bingham, Utah Mining Association  
Ken Warnick, IMC Kallium

MOTION: Rep. Styler moved pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Anderson and B. Johnson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Throckmorton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with Reps. Anderson and B. Johnson absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.