

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

ROOM 303 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

February 15, 2000

Members Present: Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, Chair
Rep. Craig W. Buttars, Vice Chair
Rep. Eli H. Anderson
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Mary Carlson
Rep. David N. Cox
Rep. Fred J. Fife III
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Tom Hatch
Rep. Keele Johnson
Rep. Evan L. Olsen
Rep. Michael R. Styler
Rep. Jordan Tanner

Members Absent: Rep. Matt Throckmorton

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 8:10 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2000. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Anderson, Brown, Carlson, K. Johnson, and Styler absent for the vote.

H.B. 275 Sales and Use Tax Allocation for Species Protection (T. Hatch)

MOTION: Rep. Hatch moved to adopt the 1st substitute bill. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Anderson, Brown, K. Johnson, and Styler absent for the vote.

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

1. Page 4, Line 106: After line 106 insert the following:

"(ii) Money transferred to the Department of Natural Resources under Subsection (5)(b)(i) may not be used to assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or any other person to list or attempt to have listed a species as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, U.S.C. 16 Sec. 1531 at seq."

Renumber remaining subsections accordingly.

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

Rep. Hatch said the bill allocates \$2,300,000 for species protection measures.

The following spoke in support of the bill:
Fred Finlinson, Water Coalition
Kathleen Clarke, Department of Natural Resources

MOTION: Rep. Styler moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. K. Johnson absent for the vote.

H.B. 283 Elk Ranching Enclosure Amendments (B. Wright)

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

Page 2, Line 39: After "elk" insert "and preventing entry of wild deer, elk, and moose."

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Olsen absent at the time of voting.

Rep. Wright said the bill allows an elk ranch to be enclosed by a natural barrier, if the natural barrier is as an effective barrier as a fence.

The following expressed concerns or spoke in opposition to the bill:
Commissioner Lee Allen, Box Elder County
Don Peay, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife
David Madsen, elk rancher
Ron Greene, Utah Elk Breeders Association
Bill Christensen, Rocky Mountain Elk Association
Jack Ray, Wildlife Federation

The following spoke in support of the bill:
Kenny Zundel

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Reps. Anderson, Brown, Cox, and Hatch voting in favor of the motion and Rep. Olsen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hatch moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Olsen absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36.

Rep Bradley T. Johnson, Chair