

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

Room W125, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex  
February 8, 2005

**Members Present:** Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair  
Rep. Michael E. Noel, Vice Chair  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Craig W. Buttars  
Rep. Margaret Dayton  
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson  
Rep. John G. Mathis  
Rep. Patrick L. Painter  
Rep. David Ure  
Rep. Mark W. Walker  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley  
Rep. Richard Wheeler

**Members Absent:** Rep. David N. Cox

**Staff Present:** Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Linda Error, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Noel called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Painter moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Biskupski, Rep. Buttars, Rep. Dayton, Rep. Duckworth, and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

**H.B. 83      *Weights and Measures Amendments (Rep. D. Ure)***

**MOTION:** Rep. Ure moved to delete in title and body **H.B. 83** and replace it with **1st Substitute H. B. 83**. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Biskupski, Rep. Buttars, Rep. Dayton, Rep. Duckworth, and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

Rep. Ure explained the bill with the assistance of Jim Olson, President, Utah Food Industry Association.



**H.B. 152      County Option Sales and Use Tax for Agricultural Land, Open Land, and  
Recreational Facilities Act (Rep. C. Buttars)**

Rep. Buttars explained the bill.

Spoke to the bill:            Bryant Howe, Legislative Research and General Counsel

Spoke for the bill:         John Meikle, Cache County Farmers  
                                 Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau Federation  
                                 Dave Livermore, Nature Conservancy

Spoke against the bill:    Mike Jerman, Utah Taxpayers Association  
                                 Jim Olson, Utah Retail Merchants Association

Rep. Johnson moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 13, Line 398:*

398            (i) if ~~{80%}~~ 60% or less of the land within the county is public land;

The motion to amend passed unanimously, with Rep. Biskupski absent for the vote.

MOTION:    Rep. Barrus moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, with Rep. Buttars  
                                 and Rep Johnson voting in opposition and Rep. Biskupski absent for the vote.

Rep. Noel adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

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Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair