

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

Room W125, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex  
January 20, 2006

**Members Present:** Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair  
Rep. Michael E. Noel, Vice Chair  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Craig W. Buttars  
Rep. David N. Cox  
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

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

Note: List of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes

Rep. Barrus called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dayton moved to pass the minutes of the January 18, 2006 meeting, with a grammatical correction. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Painter, Rep. Ure and Rep. Wheatly absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gowans moved that the committee send a letter to Kathleen Clarke, Director, Bureau of Land Management, supporting the appointment of Rep. Michael Noel as the Utah State Director of the Bureau of Land Management. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Ure and Rep. Wheatly absent for the vote

Rep. Barrus relinquished the chair to Rep. Noel.

**H.B. 46 Energy Policy Amendments (Rep. R. Barrus)**

Rep. Barrus explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Rep. Ralph Becker.

MOTION: Rep. Dayton moved to adopt 1st substitute H.B. 46. The motion passed unanimously.

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

1. *Page 5, Lines 121 through 124:*

- 121        (1) The state energy officer shall report annually to:  
122        (a) the governor;  
123        (b) the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee;  
          ~~{and}~~  
124        (c) the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee ~~{.~~ ; and  
          (d) the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim  
          Committee.

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

MOTION: Rep. Ure moved to pass the bill out favorably, the motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

**H.B. 38        Water Reuse Requirements (*Rep. B. Ferry*)**

Rep. Ferry explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Jerry Olds, State Engineer.  
(handout)

Spoke for the bill:        Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition  
                                  Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote.

**H.B. 228        Groundwater Management Plan (*Rep. D. Ure*)**

Rep. Ure explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill:        Jerry Olds, State Engineer  
                                  Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau  
                                  Steve Erickson, Citizen's Education Project  
                                  Fred Finlinson, Water Coalition  
                                  Michael Styler, Director, Department of Natural Resources

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Johnson, Rep. Painter, Rep. Wheatley and Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Johnson, Rep. Painter, Rep. Wheatly and Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote.

Rep. Noel adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

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Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair