

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

Room W125, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex
February 9, 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 8:09 a.m.

H.B. 141 Motor Vehicle Registration Checkoff for Protecting Access to Public Lands and Off-highway Vehicle Education (Rep. M. Noel)

Rep. Noel introduced the bill to the committee, with the assistance of Fred Hayes, Program Coordinator, Utah State Parks.

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

1. Page 3, Line 87 through Page 4, Line 93:

87 ~~(5) The board shall distribute the funds to a charitable organization that:~~
88 ~~(a) qualifies as being tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue~~
89 ~~Code; {and}~~
90 **(b) has at least one full-time employee; and**
~~{(b)}~~ **(c) has as a primary part of its mission to:**

- 91 (i) protect access to public lands by motor vehicle and off-highway vehicle operators;
92 and
93 (ii) educate the public about appropriate off-highway vehicle use.

The motion to amend passed unanimously, with Rep. Biskupski, Rep. Dayton, Rep. Ure and Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote.

Spoke for the bill: Michael Swenson, Executive Director, Utah Shared Access Alliance

Spoke to the bill: Rod Marrelli, Executive Director, Utah State Tax Commission

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

S.B. 67 Conservation Easement Restricted Accounts (*Sen. B. Evans*)

Sen. Evans introduced the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Kevin Carter, Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands
Administration
Kyle Stephens, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Agriculture and
Food

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

MOTION: Rep. John moved that S.B. 67 be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

S.B. 46 Utah Coal Regulator Program Amendments (*Sen. M. Dmitrich*)

Sen. Dmitrich introduced the bill to the committee, with the assistance of John Baza, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Sen. Dmitrich declared a conflict of interest.

Spoke for the bill: David Litvin, President, Utah Mining Association

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

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved that S.B. 46 be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

S.B. 153 Uniform Environmental Covenants Act (*Sen. L. Hillyard*)

Sen. Hillyard introduced the bill to the committee.

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

H.B. 405 State Parks - Senior Permits (*Rep. S. Allen*)

Rep. Allen introduced the bill to the committee.

Spoke against the bill: Steve Roberts, Deputy Director, State Parks and Recreation
(handout)

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda.

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MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to table the bill. The motion passed, with Rep. Barrus, Rep. Biskupski, Rep. Mathis and Rep. Ure voting in opposition. Rep. Walker was absent for the vote.

S.B. 65 Wildland Fire Suppression Amendments (*Sen. D. Thomas*)

Sen. Thomas introduced the bill to the committee.

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

MOTION: Rep. Ure moved that S.B. 65 be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Walker absent for the vote.

H.B. 357 Water Issues Task Force (*Rep. D. Ure*)

Rep. Ure introduced the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Christine Palmer, citizen
Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau Federation
Fred Finlinson, Water Coalition

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

H.B. 368 Commission Payment Act (Rep. D. Ure)

Rep. Ure explained the bill to the committee, with the assistance of Phil Dyer, attorney, Manufacturers' Agents National Association.

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

1. Page 2, Lines 45 through 47:

45 As used in this chapter:

46 (1) "Business relationship" means any agreement { entered into or renewed on or
after

47 May 1, 2006, } that governs the relationship of principal and sales representative after
May 1, 2006 .

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

Spoke for the bill: Candace Daly, National Federation of Independent Business
Ken McGregor, small business owner

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Johnson and Rep. Walker absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Biskupski moved that H.B. 368 be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion failed, with Rep. Mathis voting in opposition.

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Johnson and Rep. Walker absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair