

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room C450, State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex
Thursday, February 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Fred R Hunsaker, Chair
 Rep. Gage Froerer, Vice Chair
 Rep. Sheryl L. Allen
 Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
 Rep. James A. Dunnigan
 Rep. Kerry W. Gibson
 Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
 Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig
 Rep. R. Curt Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. LaWanna Lou Shurtliff
 Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Wade, Policy Analyst
 Doris Donat, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Froerer called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

H.B. 410 Restricted Accounts Amendments (*Rep. R. Bigelow*)

Rep. Bigelow introduced and explained the bill to the Committee.

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to amend H.B. 410 as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 19 through 20:*

19 AMENDS:

20 { ~~23-14-14.2, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 189~~ }

2. *Page 2, Lines 33 through 54:*

33 { ~~Section 1. Section 23-14-14.2 is amended to read:~~

34 ~~—23-14-14.2. Wildlife Resources Conservation Easement Restricted Account.~~

35 ~~—(1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the~~
~~Wildlife~~

36 ~~Resources Conservation Easement Account.~~

37 ~~—(2) The Wildlife Resources Conservation Easement Account consists of:~~

- 38 ~~—(a) grants from private foundations;~~
39 ~~—(b) grants from local governments, the state, or the federal government;~~
40 ~~—(c) grants from the Quality Growth Commission created under Section 11-38-201;~~
41 ~~—(d) donations from landowners for monitoring and managing conservation~~
~~easements;~~
42 and
43 ~~—(e) donations from any other person[; and];~~
44 ~~—[(f) interest on account monies.]~~
45 ~~—(3) (a) The state treasurer shall invest monies in the account according to Title 51,~~
46 ~~Chapter 7, State Money Management Act;~~
47 ~~—(b) The Division of Finance shall deposit interest or other earnings derived from~~
48 ~~investment of account monies into the General Fund;~~
49 ~~—[(3)](4) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Division of Wildlife Resources~~
50 ~~shall use monies from the account to monitor and manage conservation easements held~~
~~by the~~
51 ~~division.~~
52 ~~—[(4)](5) The division may not receive or expend donations from the account to~~
~~acquire~~
53 ~~conservation easements. }~~
54 Section {~~2~~} 1 . Section 41-22-19.5 is amended to read:

Renumber remaining sections of the bill accordingly.

The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Seelig, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Kevin Carter, School Institutional Trust Lands Association
Greg Sheehan, Wildlife Resources
Sen. Stowell, Utah State Senate

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to recommend H.B. 410 favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Gibson, Rep. Seelig, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

H.B. 186 Property Tax - County Assessment and Collection Amendments (Rep. K. McIff)

Rep. McIff introduced and explained the bill to the Committee, with the help of Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties. Angela Oakes, Office of Legislative Research General Counsel, answered

questions.

MOTION: Rep. Webb moved to amend H.B. 186 as follows:

1. Page 22, Lines 656 through 659:

- 656 (9)(a) "Parcel" means an identifiable contiguous unit of real property that is treated
as separate for
657 valuation or zoning purposes and includes any improvements on that unit of real property.
658 (b) "Parcel" or "other parcel" does not include an item of personal property.
659 (10) "Receiving county" means a county that:

2. Page 25, Lines 752 through 755:

- 752 [~~(ii) the amount of revenue budgeted;~~
753 [~~(A) by each receiving county for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2006;~~
{ ~~and~~ }
754 [~~(B) for the county levy described in Subsection (4)(a);~~
755 (B) except as provided in Subsection (4)(f), for a county that was designated as a

The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Gibson, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Allen moved to recommend that H.B. 186 favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to pass the minutes of February 12, 2008. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Allen, Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

H.B. 185 Western States Presidential Primary Amendments (Rep. K. Grover)

Rep. Grover introduced and explained the bill to the Committee, with the help of Bryan Thompson, Utah County Clerk.

Spoke to the bill: Michael Cragun, Lieutenant Governor's Office

MOTION: Rep. Webb moved to recommend H.B. 185 favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Hunsaker, Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to place H.B. 185 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent

for the vote.

H.B. 354 Appraisals for State Land Purchases (Rep. J. Draxler)

Rep. Draxler introduced and explained the bill to the Committee, and declared a conflict of interest.

MOTION: Rep. Hunsaker moved to adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 354. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Seelig, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to recommend 1st Substitute H.B. 354 favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Seelig, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote

S.B. 92 Real Property Recording Amendments (Sen. D. Stowell) (Rep. S. Urquhart)

Sen. Stowell introduced and explained the bill to the Committee, with the help of Mark Ward, Policy Analyst, Utah Association of Counties; Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties; and Richard Maughan, Davis County Recorder.

MOTION: Rep. Hunsaker moved to adopt 1st Substitute S.B. 92. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Seelig, Rep. Shurtliff, Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to recommend 1st Substitute S.B. 92 favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hunsaker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimous. Rep. Froerer called the meeting to a close at 9:40 a.m.

Rep. Fred R Hunsaker, Chair