

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

Room C445, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex
January 28, 2009

Members Present: Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair
Rep. John Mathis, Vice Chair
Rep. Mel Brown
Rep. Brad Dee
Rep. Jack Draxler
Rep. Kerry Gibson
Rep. James Gowans
Rep. Neal Hendrickson
Rep. Mike Noel
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Phil Riesen
Rep. Christine Watkins
Rep. Ryan Wilcox
Rep. Brad Winn

Staff Present: Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Carrie Griffith, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Barrus called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

H.B. 11 Recodification of Natural Resources Provisions (*Rep. J. Mathis*)

Rep. Mathis explained the bill to the committee, thanking Emily Brown for her work on the bill.

Emily Brown, Legislative Legal Counsel, further explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Mike Styler, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources

MOTION: Rep. Riesen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dee, Rep. Draxler and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus relinquished the chair to Rep. Mathis.

H.B. 34 Penalties for Destruction of Bald Eagle (*Rep. R. Barrus*) (handout)

Rep. Barrus explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Robin Thomas, Division of Wildlife Resources

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dee and Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus resumed the chair.

H.B. 62 State Water Development Commission Amendments (Rep. K. Gibson)

Rep. Gibson explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to delete **H.B. 62** and replace it with **1st Sub. H.B. 62**. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to pass the bill out favorably as substituted. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

H.B. 68 Development Exactions (Rep. P. Painter)

Rep. Painter explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition
Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau and Agriculture
Jodi Hoffman, Utah League of Cities and Towns
Justin Allen, Utah Association of Realtor and Property Rights Coalition
Boyd Clayton, Utah Water Rights

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans and Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 7 Equine Resources Joint Resolution (Rep. B. Winn)

Rep. Winn explained the bill to the committee. Todd Bingham further explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Mike Styler, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources
Leland Hogan, Utah Farm Bureau Federation

