

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, January 30, 2009
415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Dennis Stowell, Chair
Sen. Allen Christensen
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Karen Morgan
Sen. Ralph Okerlund

Staff Present: J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Saundra Maeser, Secretary

Public Speakers Present:

A list of visitors is filed with the committee minutes.

Committee Chair Stowell called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dayton absent for the vote.

2. S.R. 2 Senate Resolution Supporting the Narrows Water Project in Central Utah (R. Okerlund)

Sen. Okerlund introduced the bill. Richard Noble, Engineer, Sanpete Water Conservancy District, and Claudia Jarrett, Commissioner, Sanpete County, assisted in the presentation.

Sen. Davis suggested that the bill be held until a later meeting for interested speakers from Carbon County to be present.

Shelly Teusder, Carbon Water Conservancy District spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass S.R. 2, Senate Resolution Supporting the Narrows Water Project in Central Utah, out favorably.

The motion passed with Sen. Davis voting in opposition.

3. S.B. 44 Coal Mining and Reclamation Amendments (G. Davis)

Sen. Davis introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to place the bill on Interim Committee study.

The motion passed unanimously

John Baza, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to table S.B. 44, Coal Mining and Reclamation Amendments.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. S.B. 110 Oil and Gas Limitation of Actions Amendments (K. Van Tassell)

Sen. Kevin Van Tassell introduced the bill. John Baza assisted in the presentation.

Lee Peacock, Utah Petroleum Association spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass S.B. 110, Oil and Gas Limitation of Actions Amendments, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis and Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to place S.B. 110 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis and Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

5. H.B. 19 Water Rights - Informal Adjudications (K. McIff)

Rep. Kay McIff introduced the bill.

Boyd Clayton, Deput State Engineer, Division of Water Rights; LeGrant Bitter, Executive Director, USAD?; and Dale Pherson, Executive Director, Rural Water Association of Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to pass H.B. 19, Water Rights - Informal Adjudications, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

Chair Stowell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes reported by Sandra Maeser, Secretary

Dennis E. Stowell, Committee Chair