

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

Friday, February 12, 2010

415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

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

Members Excused: Sen. Gene Davis

Staff Present: J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ernest Hayes, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Dr. Ned Weinshenker, Utah State University
Mike Eriksson, Stewardship Coordinator, Division of Forestry,
Fire and State Lands
Kent Jones, State Engineer
Dick Buehler, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau
Tom Bingham, Utah Manufacturer's Association
Rep. Wilcox
Sen. Hinkins
Sen. Urquhart

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

Chair Stowell called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

1. **Welcome**

Chair Stowell welcomed the committee and visitors

2. **S.B. 51 Bioprospecting (L. Hillyard)**

Sen. Hillyard introduced the bill. Dr. Ned Weinshenker assisted in the presentation.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adopt S.B. 51 1st Substitute.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill. Dick Buehler, Director of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass S.B. 51 1st Substitute out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. S.B. 149 Utah Forest Practices Amendments (D. Hinkins)

Sen. Hinkins introduced the bill. Mike Eriksson, Stewardship Coordinator with the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, assisted in the presentation. Dick Buehler also assisted in the presentation.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to pass S.B. 149 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. SJR 11 Utah Athletic Foundation Resolution (S. Urquhart)

Sen. Urquhart introduced the resolution.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to pass SJR 11 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. H.B. 98 State Engineer Bonding Requirements (R. Wilcox)

Rep. Wilcox introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass H.B. 98 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to place H.B. 98 on consent.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. H.B. 226 Well Driller's License - Pump Installation (P. Painter)

Rep. Wilcox introduced the bill. Kent Jones, State Engineer, assisted in the presentation.

Tom Bingham, Utah Manufacturer's Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 226 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. H.B. 229 Water Right General Adjudication Amendments (P. Painter)

Rep. Wilcox introduced the bill. Kent Jones assisted in the presentation.

Sterling Brown spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to pass H.B. 229 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to place H.B. 229 on consent.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Stowell adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Minutes reported by Ernest Hayes, Secretary

Dennis E. Stowell, Committee Chair