

MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 16, 2010  
415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

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

Members Excused:         Sen. Gene Davis  
                                  Sen. Karen Morgan

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

Public Speakers Present:   Todd Bingham, Utah Mining Association  
                                  John Baza, Director Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining

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

Chair Stowell called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Stowell welcomed the committee and visitors.

**MOTION:** Sen. Okerlund moved to approve the minutes from February 9, 2010, and February 12, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **S.B. 164 Surety Requirements for Mining (D. Stowell)**

Sen. Stowell introduced the bill.

Todd Bingham, from the Utah Mining Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Stowell moved to pass S.B. 164 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Stowell adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Minutes reported by Ernest Hayes, Secretary

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Dennis E. Stowell, Committee Chair