

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 2, 2010
415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

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

Members Absent: Sen. Dayton
Sen. Davis

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

Public Speakers Present: Don Peay, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife
Robin Thomas, Division of Wildlife Resources
Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau
Rep. M. Brown, Bill Sponsor
Dick Buehler, Director, Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Rep. M. Noel, Bill Sponsor
Dr. Ned Weinshenker, Utah State University
Kevin Carter, Director of Trust Lands Administration
Tom Bingham, Utah Manufacturers Association
Fred Finlinson, Chairman, Utah Water Coalition
Kent Jones, State Engineer, Water Rights
Todd Bingham, President, Utah Mining Association

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

Chair Stowell called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

1. **Welcome**

Chair Stowell welcomed the committee and visitors

2. **S.B. 51 Bioprospecting (Sen. Lyle Hillyard)**

Sen. Hillyard introduced the bill. Dr. Ned Weinshanker assisted with the presentation.

Dick Buehler, Director of Forestry Fire and State Lands, spoke in favor of the bill. Tom Bingham, Utah Manufacturers Association spoke to the bill. Kevin Carter, Director SITLA, spoke in favor of the bill. Robin Thomas, Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke to the bill. Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to continue onto next item.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dayton and Sen. Davis absent from the vote.

3. H.B. 32 Livestock Damage Compensation Amendments (M. Brown)

Rep. M. Brown introduced the bill.

Sterling Brown, Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill. Robin Thomas, Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke in favor of the bill. Don Peay, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 32 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerlund, Sen. Dayton, and Sen. Davis absent from the vote.

4. H.B. 33 Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Act Amendments (M. Noel)

Rep. Noel introduced the bill.

Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill. Todd Bingham, Utah Mining Association, spoke in favor of the bill. Kent Jones, State Engineer, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION : Sen Morgan moved to pass out H.B. 33 with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis and Sen. Dayton absent from the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Stowell adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Minutes reported by Ernest Hayes, Secretary

