

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
Room C445, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex**

February 22, 2011

Members Present: Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair
Rep. Stephen Sandstrom, Vice Chair
Rep. Joel Briscoe
Rep. Mel Brown
Rep. Jack Draxler
Rep. Brad Galvez
Rep. Neal Hendrickson
Rep. John Mathis
Rep. Mike Noel
Rep. Doug Sagers
Rep. Christine Watkins
Rep. Ryan Wilcox

Members Absent: Rep. Brad Dee
Rep. Patrick Painter

Staff Present: J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Joanna MacKay, Committee Secretary

Note: A List of visitors is filed with committee minutes

Rep. Barrus called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Galvez moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting.
The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Watkins absent for the vote.

2nd Sub. S.B. 108 Joint Use of a Canal or Ditch (Sen. D. Stowell) (Rep. M. Brown)

Sen. Stowell introduced the bill to the committee, assisted by Mike Legge, Treasurer/Secretary, East Wanship Irrigation Co.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition
David Hartvigsen, Attorney, Smith Hartvigsen
Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Watkins absent for the vote.

S.C.R. 15 Delisting of Wolves Concurrent Resolution (Sen. A. Christensen) (Rep. M. Noel)

Sen. Christensen introduced the resolution to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau
Jim Karpowitz, Director, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to pass the resolution with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe voting in opposition. Rep. Brown and Rep. Watkins were absent for the vote.

H.B. 399 Environmental Litigation Bond (Rep. M. Noel)

Rep. Noel explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Kevin Carter, Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands Admin.
Mike Peterson, Executive Director, Utah Rural Electric Assoc.
Jeff Hartley, various energy producers

Spoke to the bill: Amanda Smith, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality

Spoke in opposition to the bill: James O'Neal, Citizen
Jeff Hicks, Citizen
Matt Pacenza, Policy Director, HEAL Utah
Marilyn O'Dell, President, Utah League of Women Voters
Ed Firmage, Citizen
Claire Geddes, Citizen
Sue Corth, Citizen
Linda Johnson, Co-President, Salt Lake League of Women Voters

MOTION: Rep. Sandstrom moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe voting in opposition. Rep. Brown was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.