

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE REVENUE AND TAXATION
STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 445 - State Capitol, State Capitol Complex**

February 15, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Patrick Painter, Chair
Rep. Carl Wimmer, Vice Chair
Rep. Joel Briscoe
Rep. David Butterfield
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Tim Cosgrove
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Eric Hutchings
Rep. Brian King
Rep. Merlynn Newbold
Rep. Jim Nielson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Mel Brown
Rep. John Dougall
Rep. Wayne Harper

STAFF PRESENT: Phil Dean, Policy Analyst
Tamara Schaff, Secretary

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

Rep. Painter called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Nielson moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Clark, Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Froerer, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. King and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

H.B. 156 **Property Tax Assessment** (*Rep. D. Pitcher*)

This bill was not considered.

H.B. 82 Procedures for Claiming a Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Lodging Related Purchases (*Rep. T. Kiser*)

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to substitute H.B. 82 with 1st Sub. H.B. 82. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Clark, Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

Rep. Kiser explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Bruce Johnson, Utah State Tax Commission

Spoke in favor of the bill: Michael Johnson, Executive Director of Utah Hotel and Lodging Association

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to pass H.B. 82 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Clark and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

H.B. 112 Severance Tax Code Revisions (*Rep. B. King*)

Rep. King explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Dr. Gabriel Lozada and Michael Hogue.

Spoke to the bill: Bruce Johnson, Utah State Tax Commission
Eric Dille, Government Relations Director at EOG Resources

Spoke in favor of the bill: Michael Hogue, Bureau of Economic and Business Research at University of Utah
Dr. Gabriel Lozada, Associate Professor, Economics Department at University of Utah
Steve Erickson, Crossroads Urban Center

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Lee Peacock, President of Utah Petroleum Association
Benjamin Soholt, citizen
Royce Van Tassel, Vice President of Utah Taxpayers Association
Jeff Hartley, Various energy producers

MOTION: Rep. King moved to pass H.B. 112 with a favorable recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Wimmer moved to table H.B. 112.

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Rep. Froerer called for previous question. The motion failed to obtain a 2/3 vote with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Butterfield, Rep. Cosgrove, Rep. Duckworth and Rep. King voting in opposition.

After committee discussion, the substitute motion to table H.B. 112 passed with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Cosgrove, Rep. Duckworth and Rep. King voting in opposition.

MOTION: Rep. Wimmer moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Painter adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Rep. Patrick Painter, Chair