

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

Thursday, February 10, 2011

415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen, Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Sen. Allen Christensen
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. David Hinkins
Sen. Dennis Stowell

Staff Present: J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Cynthia Millar, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Sen. Allen Christensen
Don Peay, Peay Consulting
Jim Karpowitz, Utah Director Wildlife Resources
Stirling Brown, Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau
Rep. Michael Noel
Fred W. Finlinson, Attorney, Utah Water Coalition
Ken Bousfield, Division Director, Division of Drinking Water
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Robin Thomas, Utah Director Wildlife Resources

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

Committee Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. S.C.R. 15, Delisting of Wolves Concurrent Resolution

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to amend S.C.R. 15 as follows:

0. Page 1, Lines 22 through 25:

22 WHEREAS, the agreed-upon recovery goals of ~~[[15]]~~ 30 packs and
23 ~~[[150]]~~ 300 wolves in the
24 Northern Rocky Mountains has been exceeded since 2002;
25 WHEREAS, wolf populations currently exceed by more than
~~[[400%]]~~ 600% recovery goals
26 agreed upon by all parties, yet extremist groups and courts block management as all parties
27 had

0. Page 3, Lines 66 through 67:

66 the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the executive director
67 of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, the United States Secretary of the
Interior, and to
68 the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Christensen introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to amend SCR15 as follows:

0. Page 3, Lines 66 through 67:

66 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Utah Department of Natural Resources,
67 ~~[[and]]~~ to
68 the members of Utah's congressional delegation , and to the governors and presidents
of the Senate in all 50 states .

The motion passed unanimously.

Don Peay, Peay Consulting; Jim Karpowitz, Utah Director Wildlife resources; and Stirling Brown, Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass as amended S.C.R. 15, Delisting of Wolves Concurrent Resolution, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. H.B. 247, Water Development Amendments

Rep. Michael Noel introduced the bill

Fred W. Finlinson, Attorney, Utah Water Coalition and Ken Bousfield, Division Director, Division of Drinking Water, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to pass H.B. 247, Water Development Amendment, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to place H.B. 247, on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. H.C.R. 4, Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Concurrent Resolution

Rep. Melvin R. Brown introduced the bill.

Robin Thomas, Utah Director Water Resources, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass H.C.R. 4, out favorably.

the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to place H.C.R.4, on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Minutes reported by Cynthia Millar, Secretary

Ralph Okerlund, Committee Chair