

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room C445, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex

March 1, 2011

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

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

Note: A list of visitors and handouts are filed with committee minutes

Rep. Barrus called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown, Rep. Dee, Rep. Draxler, Rep. Sagers, Rep. Sandstrom and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus relinquished the chair to Rep. Painter.

H.B. 475 State Energy Amendments (*Rep. R. Barrus*)

Rep. Barrus presented the bill to the committee, assisted by Amanda Smith, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality.

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

MOTION: Rep. Barrus moved to place H.B. 475 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown, Rep. Dee and Rep. Sandstrom absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus resumed the chair.

H.B. 380 Utah Lands Protection Act (Rep. F. Cox)

Rep. Cox presented the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Sandstrom absent for the vote.

H.B. 400 Regulation of Mining Operations (Rep. M. Noel)

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Lines 48 through 52:

- 48 (c) Nothing in this chapter authorizes a political subdivision of the state to
49 {~~regulate~~} impose a condition or restriction on a
49 mining operation located on state or federal land that is not imposed by a federal or
state agency on the mining operation .
50 (d) An ordinance or regulation issued by a political subdivision of the state that is
51 {~~inconsistent with~~} more restrictive than a permit issued under this chapter for
a mining operation on state or federal
52 land is unenforceable.

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Brown and Rep. Sandstrom absent for the vote.

Rep. Noel explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Kevin Carter, Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
Mark Ward, Policy Analyst, Utah Association of Counties

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

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion failed with Rep. Hendrickson, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Noel, Rep. Painter and Rep. Sandstrom voting in favor of the motion. Rep. Brown and Rep. Wilcox were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown, Rep. Wilcox and Rep. Sandstrom absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair