

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND  
ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE**  
415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex  
February 25, 2013

Members Present:            Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair  
                                  Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
                                  Sen. Jim Dabakis  
                                  Sen. David P. Hinkins  
                                  Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
                                  Sen. Evan Vickers

Members Excused:         Sen. Peter C. Knudson

Staff Present:             Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
                                  Ms. Lorna Wells, Secretary

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

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**S.C.R. 10         Concurrent Resolution Regarding Monticello Mill Tailings Site (*D. Hinkins*)**

Sen. Hinkins presented and explained this bill.

**MOTION:**     Sen. Hinkins moved to pass the bill out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously, with Sens. Dabakis and Okerlund absent for the vote.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:**     Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2013. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

**S.B. 92         Tethering of Animals (*G. Davis*)**

**MOTION:**     Sen. Christensen moved to make the following amendment.

1. *Page 4, Line 96:*

96           (ii) of an appropriate design for the ~~[[breed,-]]~~ age, size, and weight of the dog  
for which

The motion passed with Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to make the following amendment.

1. *Page 1, Lines 12 through 13:*

- 12       ▶ prohibits the ~~[[tethering-]]~~ restraining of a dog by a tether for  
more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period and applies this offense only in a  
first or second class county ;
- 13       ▶ prohibits ~~[[tethering-]]~~ use of a tether that causes harm to the dog and  
applies this offense only in a first or second class county ; and

2. *Page 4, Line 94:*

- 94       (f) ~~[[uses-]]~~ in counties of the first or second class, restrains a dog by use  
of a tether that is not:

3. *Page 4, Line 100:*

- 100       (g) in counties of the first or second class, ~~[[tethers-]]~~ restrains a dog  
by means of a tether in any manner that could reasonably be expected to:

4. *Page 4, Line 106:*

- 106       (h) ~~[[tethers-]]~~ in counties of the first or second class, restrains a dog  
by use of a tether for longer than 10 hours within a 24-hour period.

The motion passed with Sen. Hinkins absent for the vote.

Sen. Davis presented and explained the bill.

Spoke in favor of the bill:       Ms. April Harris, Director, Salt Lake County Animal Services  
Mr. Gene Baierschmidt, Director, Humane Society of Utah

Spoke to the bill:               Ms. Jacey Skinner, Director, Utah Sentencing Commission

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Mr. Aaron Johnson, Utah Houndsmen Association  
Mr. Dan Cockayne, Utah Houndsmen Association  
Dr. Drew Allen, Utah Veterinary Medical Association  
Ms. Pam Rasmussen, Vice President, Utah Animal Control  
Officers Association

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to table the bill. The motion passed with Sen. Dabakis voting in opposition.

Sen. Jenkins relinquished the chair to Sen. Christensen

**S.B. 216      Water Pollution Task Force (R. Okerlund)**

Sen. Okerlund presented and explained this bill.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mr. Leonard Blackham, Commissioner, Utah Department of  
Agriculture and Food  
Mr. Brad Johnson, Deputy Director, Utah Department of  
Environmental Quality  
Mr. Leland Myers, Manager, Central Davis Sewer District  
Mr. Cameron Diehl, Lawyer, Utah League of Cities & Towns  
Mr. Sterling Brown, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm  
Bureau  
Mr. Mike Kohler, Manager, Utah Dairy Producers

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed  
unanimously with Sen. Jenkins absent for the vote.

**S.J.R. 13      Joint Resolution Urging Governor and Utah's Congressional Delegation to  
Secure Utah State Land (A. Osmond)**

Sen. Osmond presented and explained this resolution.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to pass the bill out of committee with a favorable  
recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Jenkins, Okerlund  
and Vickers absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Acting Chair  
Christensen adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Lorna Wells, Secretary

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Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Committee Chair