

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

Room C445, State Capitol

February 4, 2014

Members Present: Rep. Mike Noel, Chair
Rep. Doug Sagers, Vice Chair
Rep. Roger Barrus
Rep. Joel Briscoe
Rep. Mel Brown
Rep. Kay Christofferson
Rep. Jack Draxler
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Becky Edwards
Rep. Steve Handy
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. John Mathis
Rep. Mike McKell
Rep. Merrill Nelson
Rep. Ryan Wilcox
Rep. Larry Wiley

Staff Present: Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Noel called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and asked the committee members to introduce themselves.

H.B. 261 Domestic Horse Disposal (Rep. J. Anderegg)

Rep. Anderegg explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Scott Anderson, director, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste.

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

1. Page 2, Lines 48 through 49

48 domestic horses: =

(b) an estimate of:

(i) the total number of live domestic horses in the state;

(ii) the current number of live domestic horses that owners need to dispose of in the state; and

(iii) the projected number of domestic horses that will annually need to be disposed of in the state;

49 ~~{(b)}~~ (c) the options for disposal in the state and how those options differ in different parts

0. *Page 2, Line 51:*

51 ~~{(c)}~~ (d) the potential economic cost and benefit of establishing dead horse processing or

0. *Page 2, Line 53:*

53 ~~{(d)}~~ (e) the potential environmental impact of disposal on water quality and ways to

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Edwards, and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

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

1. *Page 2, Lines 34 through 35*

34 (2) The owner of a dead bovine, horse, mule, goat, sheep, or swine may bury ~~{up~~
to two}
35 dead animals ~~{per acre per year}~~ on the owner's property.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Wilcox, and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

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

1. *Page 2, Lines 41 through 42*

41 ~~{(5) Burial or disposal of a dead domestic animal under this section is subject~~
to rules
42 that the Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board may make under Section
19-6-105.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

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

1. *Page 2, Lines 32 through 33*

32 dispose of the animal within { ~~two business days after the day on which the owner or
other~~

33 ~~person responsible for the animal becomes aware that the animal is dead~~} a
reasonable period of time .

After discussion by the committee the motion to amend was withdrawn.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

H.B. 298 Water Conveyance Facility Amendments (Rep. C. Moss)

Rep. Moss explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition, and Susan Despain, North Despain Ditch Company.

Rep. Wiley declared a conflict of interest.

Spoke for the bill: David Kline, Walker Irrigation Ditch Company

Spoke to the bill: Todd Adams, Division of Water Resources

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

1. *Page 2, Line 58*

58 (D) a ditch system that carries less than {~~15~~} 10 cubic feet per second of
water.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Barrus moved to hold the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Duckworth and Rep. Wiley voting in opposition. Rep. Brown, Rep. Mathis, Rep. McKell, and Rep. Wilcox were absent for the vote.

Central Utah, Jordan Valley, Weber Basin, and Washington County Water Conservancy Districts Report

A PowerPoint presentation on the state's projected water needs, conservation efforts, and overview of current water supplies was given by the following:

Gene Shawcroft, deputy general manager, Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Richard Bay, general manager, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
Tage Flint, general manager, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District
Ron Thompson, general manager, Washington County Water Conservancy District

A handout, "Roadmap of Utah's Future Water Development and Infrastructure", was provided to committee members followed by a question and answer session.

H.B. 68 Protection of State Park Resources (*Rep. D. Pitcher*)

This bill was not heard.

MOTION: Rep. Barrus moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Brown, Rep. Mathis, Rep. McKell, and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

Chair Noel adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Mike E. Noel, Chair