

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

Room 445, State Capitol

March 9, 2015

Members Present: Rep. Lee B. Perry, Chair
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers, Vice Chair
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Jack R. Draxler
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Steve G. Handy
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Mike K. McKell
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Mike Schultz

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

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

Chair Perry called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Schultz moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler, Rep. Handy, Rep. Noel, Rep. Powell, Rep. Sagers, and Rep. Sandall absent for the vote.

S.B. 105 Public Lands Act Amendments (*Sen. J. Dabakis*)

Sen. Dabakis explained the bill to the committee.

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

1. *Page 1, Lines 9 through 10*
Senate 2nd Reading Amendments
2-23-2015:

9 This bill requires the attorney general to file a petition ~~§~~ → [by June 30, 2015,] ← ~~§~~
9a { ~~demanding a~~
10 ~~determination of the ownership of~~ } seeking title to the public lands.

2. *Page 1, Lines 13 through 14b*
a. Senate 2nd Reading Amendments
b. 2-23-2015:

- 13 ▶ requires the attorney general to file a petition in federal court by June 30, §→
 [2015]
- 13a 2016 ←§ ,
- 14 {~~demanding a determination of the ownership of~~} toward securing title to
the public lands , consistent with Utah law and the Utah enabling act; §→ [and]
- 14a ▶ requires the Commission for Stewardship of Public Lands to make a
- 14b recommendation; and ←§

3. *Page 2, Lines 28 through 29:*

- 28 attorney general shall file a petition in federal court on behalf of the state {~~demanding~~
~~a~~
- 29 determination on the issue of ownership of} toward securing title to the public
lands , consistent with Utah law and the Utah enabling act .

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Noel, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Hawkes, Rep. Sagers, Rep. Sandall, and Rep. Schultz voting in opposition and Rep. Noel and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 25 Joint Resolution Requesting Analysis of Colorado River Management Strategies (Rep. J. Briscoe)

Rep. Briscoe explained the resolution to the committee.

Spoke to the resolution: Eric Millis, Director, Division of Water Resources and
 Commissioner, Interstate Streams
 Steve Erickson, Great Basin Water Network

Spoke against the resolution: Mark Ward, Utah Association of Counties
 Redge Johnson, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Chew, and Rep. Duckworth voting in favor.

1st Sub. S.B. 48 Evaluating Federal Land (Sen. A. Osmond)

Sen. Osmond explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Brown, Rep. Chew, Rep. Draxler, and Rep. Hawkes voting in opposition and Rep. McKell and Rep. Noel absent for the vote.

H.B. 223 Little Sahara State Park Designation (Rep. S. Eliason)

Rep. Eliason explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Jeff Rasmussen, Deputy Director, State Parks, and Kevin Carter, Director, State Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to adopt 2nd Sub. H.B. 223. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. McKell, and Rep. Noel absent for the vote.

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

1. Page 2, Lines 47 through 49:

- 47 (iii) the Legislative Management Committee and the Natural Resources,
Agriculture,
48 and Environment **Interim** Committee approve the plan to expand the state park
system by including the
49 Little Sahara Recreation Area.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. McKell, and Rep. Noel absent for the vote.

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

Chair Perry adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.