

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

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, Vice Chair  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes  
Rep. Derrin R. Owens  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers

Rep. Scott D. Sandall  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins  
Rep. Logan Wilde

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Michael E. Noel

**Staff Present:**

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

Vice Chair Barlow called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**1. H.B. 48 Wildlife Species Introduction Amendments (*Albrecht, C.*)**

Rep. Albrecht explained the bill with the assistance of Mr. Greg Sheehan, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources.

Mr. Duke Rogers, Director, MLBean Life Science Museum, Brigham Young University, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to pass H.B. 48 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-1.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Rep. M. Noel

**2. H.B. 84 Water Law - Nonuse Applications (*Hawkes, T.*)**

Rep. Hawkes explained the bill with the assistance of Mr. Boyd Clayton, Division of Water Rights.

Mr. David Ure, Director, School and Institutional Trust Land Administration (SITLA), spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Sandall moved to pass H.B. 84 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Owens

**3. H.B. 118 Authority of State Engineer (*Hawkes, T.*)**

Rep. Hawkes explained the bill.

Mr. Kent Jones, State Engineer, State Division of Water Rights, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to pass H.B. 118 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-3.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Owens

**4. H.B. 181 State Engineer Fee Application Amendments (*Wilde, L.*)**

Rep. Wilde explained the bill.

Mr. Kent Jones spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to pass H.B. 181 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Owens

**5. H.C.R. 7 Concurrent Resolution Supporting Ranchers Grazing Livestock on Public Lands (*Westwood, J.*)**

Rep. Westwood explained the bill.

Mr. Sterling Brown, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Matt Anderson, Coalition for Self Government in the West, Sutherland Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Sagers moved to replace H.C.R. 7 with 1st Substitute H.C.R. 7. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Owens

**MOTION:** Rep. Chew moved to pass 1st Sub. H.C.R. 7 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Owens

**6. H.B. 95 Little Sahara State Park Designation (*Eliason, S.*)**

Rep. Eliason explained the bill with the assistance of Mr. Fred Hayes, Director, Division of State Parks.

Mr. Sterling Brown spoke to the bill.

Mr. Kim Christy, Deputy Director, SITLA, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Sandall moved to amend H.B. 95 with Amendment #1 as follows:

1. *Page 2, Lines 50 through 56:*

50           (4) If the division successfully enters into the agreement described in Subsection  
              (2)(a),

51           the division shall negotiate in good faith with the School and Institutional Trust Lands

52           Administration to attempt to:

53           (a) purchase parcels of school and institutional trust land located within the  
              boundaries

54           of the Little Sahara Recreation Area; or

55           (b) { ~~trade~~           exchange           parcels of school and institutional trust land

located within the boundaries of  
56 the Little Sahara Recreation Area for other parcels of state land or other lands  
administered by the United States government .

The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Owens

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to pass H.B. 95 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Owens

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Owens

Vice Chair Barlow adjourned the meeting 3:55 p.m.

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Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, Vice Chair