

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

Friday, February 17, 2017 • 4:10 pm • 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.

Vice Chair Barlow called the meeting to order 4:14 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-5.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. L. Wilde

1. H.B. 225 Water Commissioner Amendments (*Chew, S.*)

Rep. Chew explained the bill.

Mr. Kent Jones, State Engineer and Director, Division of Water Rights, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. John Mendenhall, Water Commissioner, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to pass H.B. 225 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. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to place H.B. 225 on the Consent Calendar.

Rep. Chew withdrew his motion.

2. H.B. 301 Canal Safety Amendments (*Sandall, S.*)

Rep. Sandall explained the bill assisted by Mr. Mark Stratford, Assistant Ogden City Attorney.

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

Mr. Gary Cannon, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to replace H.B. 301 with 1st Substitute H.B. 301. 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. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 301 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. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel
Rep. K. Stratton

3. H.B. 304 Water Conservation Amendments (Froerer, G.)

Rep Froerer explained the bill.

Mr. Cameron Diehl, League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to replace H.B. 304 with 1st Substitute H.B. 304. 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. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel
Rep. S. Sandall

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 304 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. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel
Rep. S. Sandall

4. H.B. 338 Agriculture Modifications (*McKell, M.*)

Rep. McKell explained the bill assisted by Mr. Scott Ericson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food.

Mr. Cody James, Director of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture and Food, responded to questions.

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to replace H.B. 338 with 1st Substitute H.B. 338. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-1.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 338 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11-1-1.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Rep. T. Hawkes

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel

5. H.C.R. 1 Concurrent Resolution on Public Lands Litigation (*Stratton, K.*)

Rep. Stratton explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to replace H.C.R. 1 with 1st Substitute H.C.R. 1. 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. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to hold 1st Substitute H.C.R. 1. 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. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel
Rep. C. Watkins

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. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. M. Noel
Rep. C. Watkins

Vice Chair Barlow adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair