

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 415, Utah State Capitol
February 25, 2016**

Members Present: Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present: Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to approve the minutes for February 23, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 52 Office of Outdoor Recreation Amendments (Rep P. Arent)

Rep. Arent explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Brad Peterson, citizen
Mr. Jeff Edwards, President, Economic Development Fund of Utah
Mr. Keith Brady, Emery County Commissioner
Mr. Todd Bingham, Utah Manufacturers Association
Mr. Val Hale, Executive Director, Utah Governor's Office
of Economic Development
Mr. Brandon Smith, Utah League of Cities and Towns
Mr. Michael Palmer, Utah Chamber of Commerce

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 200 Compensatory Mitigation Program for Sage Grouse (Sen. K. Van Tassell)

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to replace SB 200 and replace it with 1st Sub. S.B. 200. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Van Tassell explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Mike Styler, Director, Utah Department of Natural Resources
Mr. Alan Clark, Utah Department of Natural Resources

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 212 Wildland Fire Suppression Fund (Sen. E. Vickers)

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to adopt the amendment shown below.

I. *Page 2, Lines 44 through 51:*

44 (ii) deposit all interest or other earnings derived from the account into the Mineral
45 Bonus Account.

46 (e) The Division of Finance shall, beginning on July 1, 2017, annually deposit 30% of
47 mineral lease bonus payments from the previous fiscal year, up to \$2,000,000, into the
48 Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created in Section 65A-8-204, but not to
49 exceed 20% of the amount expended in the previous fiscal year from the Wildland Fire
49 Suppression Fund {created in Section 65A-8-204} .

50 (2) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the
51 "Mineral Lease Account."

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Vickers explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Brian Cottam, State Forester
Mr. Arte Vandegranff, Utah Association of Counties

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Sub. H.B. 126 Unmanned Aircraft Revisions (Rep. K. Powell)

Rep. Powell explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Jason Curry, Investigator, Utah Forestry and State Lands

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 244 Independent Energy Produce Amendments (Rep. F. Gibson)

Rep. Gibson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Dan Black, Associate General Counsel, Vivint Solar
Mr. Steve Woodman, President, International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Shiozawa absent for the vote.

**H.C.R.8 Concurrent Resolution on the Bonneville Salt Flats International Speedway
(Rep. S. Handy)**

Rep. Handy explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Dennis Sullivan, Chairman, Utah Save the Salt
Mr. Larry Volk, Founder Save the Salt, Utah Salt Flat Association
Ms. Allison Volk Dean, Office Manager, Bonneville 200 MPH Club
Mr. Ron Christensen, Announcer, Bonneville Salt Flats
Mr. Lloyd Parry, Ogden City

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Shiozawa absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Shiozawa absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair