

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

Thursday , January 25, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Vice Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow
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

Members Absent:

Rep. Michael E. Noel

Staff Present:

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

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

1 . H.B. 33 Energy Producer States' Agreement Amendments (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to pass H.B. 33 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Sagers

2 . H.B. 140 Air Quality Technical Amendments (*Hawkes, T.*)

Rep. Hawkes presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to pass H.B. 140 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Noel

3 . H.B. 103 Water Conservation Revisions (Froerer, G.)

Rep. Froerer presented the bill.

Mr. Dale Pierson, Executive Director, Rural Water Association, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Mark Stratford, Ogden City, City Attorney's Office, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Nick Schow, Conservation Director, Utah Rivers Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Steve Erickson, Autobon Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Todd Adams, Deputy Director, Utah Division of Water Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Sandall moved to hold H.B. 103. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 2 - 1 .

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-2

Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy

Absent-1

Rep. M. Noel

4 . H.B. 130 Resource Conservation Amendments (Sandall, S.)

Rep. Sandall presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to amend H.B. 130 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1 .

Amendment 1
H.B. 130

1 Page 5, Lines 147 through 149

147 (f) seek to obtain and administer federal or state funds~~[, including loan funds under this~~
148 ~~chapter,~~] in accordance with applicable federal or state guidelines and make loans or grants

149 from those funds to {~~land occupiers~~} an eligible entity, as defined by the department by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, for[?] the preservation of soil, water, and air resources;

2 Page 8, Lines 216 through 221

216 (5) The commission may make a grant from the Agriculture Resource Development

217 Fund to an eligible entity, as defined by the department by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, that has the legal right to occupy land for:

218 (a) the development or implementation of a coordinated resource management plan

219 with a conservation district, as defined in Section 17D-3-102; and

220 (b) control or eradication of noxious weeds and invasive plant species in cooperation

221 and coordination with a local weed board.

Yeas-12

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. C. Albrecht

Rep. M. Noel

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Rep. C. Watkins

Ms. LuAnn Adams, Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, responded to Rep. Briscoe's question.

Ms. Adams spoke in support of the bill.

Ms. Chris Kane, Executive Director, Utah Association of Conservation Districts, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to pass H.B. 130 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-12

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. C. Albrecht

Rep. M. Noel

Rep. S. Barlow

Rep. J. Briscoe
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Rep. S. Duckworth
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Rep. Albrecht assumed the chair.

5 . H.B. 169 Commercial Waste Fee Amendments (*Knotwell, J.*)

Rep. Knotwell presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Casey Hill, Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Energy Solutions.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to replace H.B. 169 with 1st Substitute H.B. 169. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Noel

Mr. Scott Anderson, Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, Department of Environmental Quality, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Steve Erickson, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Sandall moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 169 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Noel

6 . H.B. 93 Agriculture Commodity Zone Amendments (*Stratton, K.*)

Rep. Stratton presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Lincoln Shurts, Utah Association of Counties.

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass H.B. 93 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-11

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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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. M. Noel

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

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. M. Noel

Rep. S. Chew
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Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting.

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair