

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

Tuesday , February 6, 2018 • 3:40 p.m. • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Vice Chair
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Derrin R. Owens

Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
Rep. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Stewart E. Barlow

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 3:41 p.m.

Vice Chair Albrecht assumed the chair.

1 . H.B. 136 Federal Designations (Noel, M.)

Rep. Noel explained the bill.

Chair Stratton resumed the chair.

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Utah Association of Counties, spoke for the bill.

Mr. Willie Grayeyes, Chair, Utah Dine' Bikeyah, San Juan County, spoke against the bill.

Mr. John Hiskey, Senior Advisor, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to replace H.B. 136 with 1st Substitute H.B. 136. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. S. Barlow

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 136 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 1 - 1 .

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-1

Rep. J. Briscoe

Absent-1

Rep. S. Barlow

2 . H.B. 172 Greenbelt Amendments (*Wilde, L.*)

Vice Chair Albrecht resumed the chair.

Rep. Wilde explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to replace H.B. 172 with 1st Substitute H.B. 172. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 172 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3 .

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 172

1 Page 2, Lines 44 through 45

44 (ii) the timing for implementation and termination of the bona fide range improvement

45 program , together with a description of the proposed activity on the land when the land is returned to agricultural use ; and

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. T. Hawkes

Mr. Kevin Jacobs, Salt Lake County Assessor, Assessors Association, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 172 out favorably as amended.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Sandall moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The Substitute motion passed with a vote of 9 - 3 - 1 .

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-3

Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. D. Sagers

Absent-1

Rep. S. Barlow

3 . H.B. 214 Agricultural Advisory Board Amendments (McKell, M.)

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

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass H.B. 214 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-12

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. C. Albrecht

Rep. S. Barlow

Rep. J. Briscoe

Rep. S. Chew

Rep. S. Duckworth

Rep. S. Handy

Rep. T. Hawkes

Rep. M. Noel

Rep. D. Owens

Rep. D. Sagers

Rep. S. Sandall

Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. C. Watkins

4 . H.B. 216 Jordan River Recreation Area (*Winder, M.*)

Rep. Winder explained the bill assisted by Mr. Soren Simonsen, Jordan River Commission, and Mr. Brian Cottam, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Jon Cox, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke for the bill.

Mr. Brant Barlow, Eagle Forum, spoke to the bill.

Chair Stratton resumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to replace H.B. 216 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 216. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. C. Albrecht

Rep. S. Barlow

Rep. J. Briscoe

Rep. S. Sandall

Rep. S. Chew

Rep. S. Duckworth

Rep. S. Handy

Rep. T. Hawkes

Rep. M. Noel

Rep. D. Owens

Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to amend 2nd Substitute H.B. 216 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Amendment 1
2nd Sub. H.B. 216

1 Page 4, Lines 93 through 98

93 The Legislature intends that the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands use up to
94 10% of appropriated funds on administrative functions and then spend remaining funds
95 appropriated under this section to implement the programs described in Section 65A-2-8, with
96 half the remaining money appropriated expended on the programs described in Subsections
97 65A-2-8(2)(a) ~~(i)~~ through ~~(d)~~ (iv) and half of the remaining money appropriated expended on the
98 programs described in Subsections 65A-2-8(2) ~~(e)~~ (a)(v) and ~~(f)~~ (vi) .

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
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Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Sandall

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 216 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Noel

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Sandall

Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

5 . H.B. 153 Homestead Exemption Amendments (Stratton, K.)

Vice Chair Albrecht resumed the chair.

Rep. Stratton explained the bill.

Mr. Stephen Rupp, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to amend H.B. 153 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11
- 0 - 2 .

Amendment 1
H.B. 153

1 Page 2, Lines 40 through 45

40 (2) (a) An individual is entitled to a homestead exemption consisting of property in this
41 state in an amount not exceeding:

42 (i) \$5,000 in value if the property consists in whole or in part of property [~~which~~] that is
43 not the primary personal residence of the individual; or

44 (ii) [~~\$30,000~~] {~~\$200,000~~} \$45,000 in value if the property claimed is the primary personal
45 residence of the individual.

2 Page 2, Lines 46 through 51

46 (b) If the property claimed as exempt is jointly owned, each joint owner is entitled to a
47 homestead exemption[; ~~however(i)~~], except that:

48 (i) for property exempt under Subsection (2)(a)(i), the maximum exemption may not
49 exceed \$10,000 per household; or

50 (ii) for property exempt under Subsection (2)(a)(ii), the maximum exemption may not
51 exceed [~~\$60,000~~] {~~\$300,000~~} \$90,000 per household.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. D. Sagers

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Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to pass H.B. 153 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Noel
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. D. Sagers

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

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-2

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Vice Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m..