

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

Friday , February 9, 2018 • 3:40 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. Michael E. Noel  
Rep. Derrin R. Owens  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers  
Rep. Scott D. Sandall  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

**1 . S.B. 22 Mineral Lease Distribution Amendments (*Van Tassell, K.*)**

Sen. Van Tassell explained the bill.

**2 . S.B. 45 Water Law Amendments -- Diligence Claims (*Dayton, M.*)**

Sen. Dayton explained the bill assisted by Mr. John Mabey

**3 . 1st Sub. S.B. 61 Water Rights Adjudication Amendments (*Dayton, M.*)**

Sen. Dayton explained the bill assisted by Mr. John Mabey

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Albrecht moved to pass S.B. 22 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to pass S.B. 45 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall

Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Albrecht moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 61 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall

**4 . S.B. 69 State Sovereign Lands Amendments (*Dayton, M.*)**

Sen. Dayton explained the bill assisted by Mr. Jason Curry, Law Enforcement Program, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to pass S.B. 69 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. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. S. Sandall

**5 . H.C.R. 9 Concurrent Resolution Supporting Rural Development of Wind, Solar, and Geothermal Energy (*Arent, P.*)**

Rep. Arent explained the bill assisted by Rep. Handy and Mr. Mark Whitney, Commissioner, Beaver County, Ms. Natalie Gochnour, David Eccles School of Business, University of Utah, and Mr. Tom Holst, Senior Energy Policy Analyst. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, University of Utah.

**MOTION:** Rep. Noel moved to replace H.C.R. 9 with 1st Substitute H.C.R. 9. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-11

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. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Sandall

**MOTION:** Rep. Noel moved to amend 1st Substitute H.C.R. 9 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 2 - 1 .

Amendment 2  
1st Sub. H.C.R. 9

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55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
56 Governor concurring therein, supports rural development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy  
57 resources within Utah as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system, so that Utah's rural  
58 communities can take an active part in and receive the benefits of Utah's economic  
59 development.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support wind, solar, and geothermal energy development on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, which lands constitute the majority of lands in rural Utah, and ask those agencies to actively support wind, solar, and geothermal energy development, including transmission line approvals.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor oppose any federal land designation -- including Antiquities Act designations, ACEC designations, and resource management plan designations, among other designations -- in rural Utah that would prohibit wind, solar, and geothermal energy development on federally managed land in the state.**

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the  
61 export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other states in the West through  
62 participation in centralized and bilateral energy markets.

Yeas-10

Nays-2

Absent-1

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

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy

Rep. C. Albrecht

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.C.R. 9 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-12

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

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. C. Albrecht

**6 . H.B. 114 Street-Legal ATV Amendments (Noel, M.)**

Rep. Noel explained the bill assisted by Mr. Brett Stewart, UTV Utah.

Mr. Steven Hawkins, President, Utah ATV Association, spoke for the bill.

Mr. Bud Bruenig, President, UTV Utah, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Sandall moved to amend H.B. 114 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Amendment 1  
H.B. 114

34 (i) the highway is an interstate {~~freeway~~} system as defined in Section {~~41-6a-102~~} 72-1-102; or

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82 seat designed for passengers{~~, including a footrest and handhold for each passenger~~};

Yeas-11

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
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-2

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Duckworth

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to pass H.B. 114 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-11

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
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-2

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Duckworth

**MOTION:** Rep. Hawkes moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2018, February 2, 2018, and February 6, 2018 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-11

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Duckworth

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

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

Yeas-11

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
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-2

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Duckworth

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.