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MINUTES OF THE

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday , March 2, 2018 • 8:15 a.m. • 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Vice Chair  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow  
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. Joel K. Briscoe  
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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. S. Sandall

**1 . S.B. 168 Utah Agricultural Code Amendments (Dayton, M.)**

Sen. Dayton explained the bill.

Ms. Melissa Ure, Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Sagers moved to pass S.B. 168 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. S. Sandall

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to place S.B. 168 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. S. Sandall

**2 . H.B. 329 Aquaculture Amendments (*Roberts, M.*)**

Rep. Roberts explained the bill.

Mr. Nick Schon, Conservation Director, Utah Rivers Council, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Brian Anderson, Utah Anglers Association, spoke against the bill.

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

Mr. Mike Fowlks, Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke against the bill.

Ms. LuAnn Adams, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Andrew Rasmussen, Trouts Unlimited, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Martin Bushman, Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Byron Bateman, Utah Wildlife Board, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Ken Strong, Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Bruce Ingleby, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Dennis Blackburn, Commissioner, Wayne County, spoke for the bill.

Mr. Robert Judd, Utah Aquaculture Association, spoke for the bill.

Mr. Jeff Salt, Salt Lake Fish and Game Foundation, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Cody James, Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke against the bill.

No action was taken on the bill.

**3 . H.B. 267 Oil, Gas, and Mining Amendments (*Chew, S.*)**

Rep. Chew explained the bill.

Mr. Brown, spoke for the bill.

Mr. Lee Peacock, President, Utah Petroleum Association, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Kim Christy, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, spoke to the bill.

Mr. John Baza, Director, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Mark Compton, President, Utah Mining Association, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Jeff Hartley, representing oil and gas companies, spoke against the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-8

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. S. Sandall

**4 . S.B. 191 State Regulation of Oil and Gas (*Van Tassell, K.*)**

Sen. Van Tassell explained the bill.

Mr. Peacock, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hawkes moved to pass S.B. 191 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-8

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. S. Sandall

**MOTION:** Rep. Chew moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-8

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. S. Sandall

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m..