



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 28, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Members Absent:

Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present:

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. Paula Morgan, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes for February 26, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

1 . H.B. 265 Wildlife Management Area Amendments (Snider, C.)

Rep. Casey Snider explained the bill.

Douglas Foxley, Ducks Unlimited, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jack Ray, President, Utah Water Fowl, spoke in favor of the bill.

Troy Justensen, Sportsman Fish and Wildlife, spoke to the bill.

Stan Summers, Commissioner, Box Elder county spoke in favor of the bill.

Mike Fowlks, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 265 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to place H.B. 265 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

2 . H.C.R. 10 Concurrent Resolution to Address Declining Water Levels of the Great Salt Lake (*Hawkes, T.*)

Rep. Thomas Hawkes explained the resolution.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to amend H.C.R. 10 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 2
H.C.R. 10

1. Page 2, Lines 37 through 39:

37 WHEREAS, the "lake effect" from Great Salt Lake provides an important contribution
38 to snowpack in the Wasatch Range, which is crucially important to Utah's water cycle and its
39 tourism ~~{-industry}~~ , agricultural, and other industries ;

2. Page 3, Lines 64 through 67:

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize there is
65 a need for an overall policy that supports effective ~~{-allocation and}~~ administration of water flow
66 to Great Salt Lake to maintain or increase lake levels, while appropriately balancing economic,
67 social, and environmental needs , including the need to sustain working agricultural land .

3. Page 3, Lines 73 through 74:

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage the
74 presentation of findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature and Governor , including
encouraging a report of progress in achieving the objectives of this resolution to the Natural Resources, Agriculture,
and Environment Interim Committee by no later than November 30, 2020 .

Yeas-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Craig Peterson, Partner, Water Conservancy, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass H.C.R. 10 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to place H.C.R. 10 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

3 . H.C.R. 15 Concurrent Resolution Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Golden Spike (Ferry, J.)

Rep. Joel Ferry introduced the resolution.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to amend H.C.R. 15 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.C.R. 15

1. Page 2, Line 56 through Page 3, Line 59:

56 in Promontory Summit, Utah, and have protected and preserved the site for future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor authorize the Spike 150 Commission to create a spike using native Utah copper. This spike shall officially be known as the "Utah Spike."

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature{~~;~~} and the Governor {~~concurring therein,~~

58 commemorates} commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike ceremony and the completion of the

59 transcontinental railroad.

Yeas-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Rep. Ferry explained the resolution with the assistance of Doug Foxley, Chairman, Spike 150 Commission.

Stan Summers, Commissioner, Box Elder County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nathan Anderson, Senior Director, Public Affairs, Union Pacific Railroad, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass H.C.R. 15 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn at 9:06 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.



Yeas-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.