



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 4, 2019 | 4:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present:

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

Members Absent:

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 4:04 p.m.

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

Yeas-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

1 . S.B. 181 Pari-mutuel Horse Racing (Hinkins, D.)

Sen. David Hinkins explained the bill.

Gary Crane, Attorney, League of Cities and Towns, Layton, spoke in opposition to the bill.

John Pike, Mayor, St. George, President, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Bill Evans, Citizen, Board Member, Stop Predatory Gambling, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Matthew Bartlett, President,, Utah Horse Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to return S.B. 181 to the Rules Committee The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

2 . S.B. 194 Conservation Commission Amendments (Hinkins, D.)

Sen. David Hinkins explained the bill with the assistance of LuAnn Adams, Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass S.B. 194 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

3 . H.C.R. 5 Concurrent Resolution Urging Policies That Reduce Damage from Wildfires (*Ward, R.*)

Rep. Ray Ward explained the resolution.

Brian Cottam, Utah State Forester, Director of Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, spoke in favor of the resolution.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.C.R. 5 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

4 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 48 School Trust Fund Modifications (*Moss, J.*)

Rep. Jefferson Moss explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 48 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

5 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 99 Catastrophic Wildfire and Other Public Nuisance Revisions (*Ivory, K.*)

Rep. Ken Ivory explained the bill and distributed a handout entitled "Catastrophic Wildfire Revisions".

Ashley Soltysiak, Director, Utah Sierra Club, spoke in opposition to the bill.

KC Shaw, Chief Engineer, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Cottam, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Utah State Forester, spoke in favor of the bill.

Heather Anderson, Utah Association of Special Districts, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 99 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 6.



Yeas-3

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

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

Yeas-3

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.