



MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY

STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Joel Ferry
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Staff Present:

Ms. Mary Stringham, Session Secretary
Ms. Sarah J. Balland, Policy Analyst

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

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. K. Stratton

1 . S.C.R. 8 Concurrent Resolution Supporting Exports of Utah Natural Gas to International Markets (Winterton, R.)

Sen. Ronald Winterton presented S.C.R. 8.

Ms. Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President of the Utah Petroleum Association (UPA), spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to pass S.C.R. 8 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

2 . H.B. 411 Community Renewable Energy Act (Handy, S.)

Rep. Handy presented H.B. 411 with the assistance of Mr. Andy Beerman, Park City Mayor, and Mr. Tyler Poulson, Senior Energy Program Manager for Salt Lake City.

Mr. Brett Barlow, representing Eagle Forum, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Rey Butcher, Dominion Energy State Policy Advisor, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Glenn Wright, Summit County Council Member, spoke in favor the bill.

Mr. Josh Craft, Government and Corporate Relations Manager for Utah Clean Energy, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Taz Biesenger, Utah Home Builders Association, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Jon Cox, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to replace H.B. 411 with 1st Substitute H.B. 411. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 411 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 411. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 5 - 5 - 1.

Yeas-5

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry

Nays-5

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Absent-1

Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. Arent's motion to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 411 out favorably failed with a vote of 5 - 5 - 1.

Yeas-5

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-5

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry

Absent-1

Rep. K. Stratton

3 . 4th Sub. S.B. 154 Utah Communications Authority Amendments (Harper, W.)

Sen. Wayne Harper presented 4th Sub. S.B. 154.

Mr. David Spatafore, representing Utah Communications Authority (UCA), spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. George Chapman, Salt Lake City citizen, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Spencer Nitz, Research Director for the Utah Tax Payers Association, spoke to the bill.

Ms. Tina Matthieu, Executive Director of the Weber Area 911 Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Tom Ross, Bountiful City Police Chief representing the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Michael Rapich, Colonel of the Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) and Deputy Commissioner of the Utah Department of Public Safety (DPS), spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Gary Crane, Layton City attorney, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Mike Moffitt, President of Gold Cross Ambulance Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass 4th Substitute S.B. 154 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.