



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
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.

Acting Chair Vickers called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

1 . 1st Sub. H.B. 18 Industrial Hemp Program Amendments (*Daw, B.*)

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

Andrew Rigby, Department of Agriculture and Food, Director of Medical Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Programs spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 18 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to approve the minutes from February 13, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

[The Science Behind Predator Control in Utah](#)

2 . 1st Sub. H.B. 125 Division of Wildlife Resources Amendments (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Albrecht explained the bill.

Mike Fowlks, Director, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke to the bill.

Ron Faerber, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Paul Cozzens, Iron County Commissioner, spoke in favor of the bill.

Paul Zuckerman, Wildlife Conservationist, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Bret Selman, sheep rancher, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kirk Robinson, Founder, Western Wildlife Conservancy, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sierra Nelson, Executive Director, Utah Wool Growers Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sundays Hunt, State Director, Utah Humane Society of the the United States, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Will Talbot, Commissioner, Paiute County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wade Garrett, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Troy Justensen, Sports , Fish and Wildlife, spoke in favor of the bill.

Richard Hansen, Juab County Commissioner, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 125 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

3 . H.B. 28 Legislative Water Development Commission Sunset Amendments (Stratton, K.)

Rep. Stratton explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass H.B. 28 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

4 . H.B. 41 State Water Policy Amendments (Stratton, K.)

Rep. Stratton explained the bill.

Ron Faerber, Chair, Sandy Hills Community Council, spoke to the bill.

Steve Erickson, Utah Audubon Council, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass H.B. 41 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.



Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION:

Sen. Sandall moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

Acting Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 2:59 PM.