



LEGISLATURE

# MINUTES

## HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair  
Rep. Logan Wilde, Vice Chair  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Joel Ferry  
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes  
Rep. Phil Lyman  
Rep. Michael K. McKell

Rep. Derrin R. Owens  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Susan Duckworth

**Staff Present:**

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
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 8:07 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2020 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman

**1 . H.B. 248 Agriculture Revisions (Wilde, L.)**

Rep. McKell assumed the chair.

Rep. Wilde explained the bill assisted by Robert Hougaard, Director, Plant Industry, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF), and R. J. Spencer, Director of Conservation, UDAF.

Garrick Hall, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kristy Davis, Executive Director, Utah Association of Conservation Districts, spoke to the bill.

Kelly Pehrson, Acting Commissioner, UDAF, spoke in favor of the bill.

Symbria Patterson, Executive Director, Red Acre Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to replace H.B. 248 with 1st Substitute H.B. 248.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Chair Wilde moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 248 by deleting the words "at least one more than" on line 1005.

Chair Wilde withdrew the motion.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens' motion to replace H. B. 248 with 1st Substitute H. B. 248 passed. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. K. Stratton

**MOTION:** Rep. Wilde moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 248 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 3.

Amendment 1  
1st Sub. H.B. 248

1. Page 33, Lines 1003 through 1006:

1003 (1) nominate for [each] a conservation district [election] a slate of candidates for  
1004 [election] appointment to the board of supervisors of the conservation district equal or greater in number  
1005 to { at least one more than } the number of board of supervisors members to be [elected]  
1006 appointed; and

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-1

Rep. M. McKell

Absent-3

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. K. Stratton

**MOTION:** Rep. Ferry moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 248 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. Wilde assumed the chair.

**2 . H.B. 266 Water Conservancy District Amendments (Handy, S.)**

Rep. Handy explained the bill assisted by LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of Special Districts.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to pass H.B. 266 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. K. Stratton

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to place H.B. 266 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. K. Stratton

**3 . H.B. 296 Limitations on Landowner Liability Amendments (*Snider, C.*)**

Rep. Snider explained the bill assisted by Jack Ray, President, Utah Waterfowl Association.

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

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Ferry moved to pass H.B. 296 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. K. Stratton

**4 . H.B. 168 Public Water Supplier Relocation Amendments (*Hawkes, T.*)**

Rep. Hawkes explained the bill assisted by Dale Pierson, Executive Director, Rural Water Association of Utah, and Steve Styler, Rural Water Association of Utah.



Kris Peterson, Project Development Director, Utah Department of Transportation, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to replace H.B. 168 with 1st Substitute H.B. 168. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 168 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Chair Wilde adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.