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SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 9, 2020 | 8:00 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:

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.

Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

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

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

1 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 232 Food Revisions (Roberts, M.)

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 232 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 232. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Rep. Roberts explained the bill.

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

Sara Patterson, Red Acre Farm, spoke in favor of the bill.

Melva Sine, Utah Restaurant Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 232 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

2 . H.B. 398 Plant Pest Emergency Control (Owens, D.)

Rep. Owens explained the bill.

Robert Hougaard, Director, Plant Industry and Conservation, Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke to the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 398 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

3 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 328 Division of Water Resources Study Update (Ferry, J.)

Rep. Ferry explained the bill.

Matthew Stephens, Grassroots Organizer, Utah Rivers Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dan Tuttle, US Magnesium, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Candice Hasenyager, Deputy Director, Division of Water Resources, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 328 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 3.

Yeas-4

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

Nays-2

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen

Absent-3

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

4 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 233 Natural Resources Legacy Funding Amendments (Snider, C.)

Rep. Snider explained the bill.

Riley Peck, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Erickson spoke to the bill.

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

Marcelle Shoop, Director, Saline Lakes, National Audubon, Society, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 233 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 233. 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. Sandall moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 233 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 3.

Yeas-4

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

Nays-2

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen

Absent-3

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

5 . H.B. 245 Dogs in Watershed Areas (Acton, C.K.)

[Map with Legend](#)

[United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service](#)

Rep. Acton explained the bill.

George Chapman spoke in favor of the bill.

Laura Briefor, Director, Salt lake City Public Utilities, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Polly Hart, Director, Millcreek FIDOS, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bekee Hotze, District Ranger, United States Forest Service, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Paul Zuckerman, Humane Society, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to go to the next item on the agenda. 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

6 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 431 Energy Efficiency Programs Amendments (Handy, S.)

Rep. Handy explained the bill.

Clay Monroe, Director, Customer Solutions, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Parker, Vice President, Public Affairs, Ivory Homes, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kitchen moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 431 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. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

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

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 9:29 AM.