



MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, January 22, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Rep. Casey Snider, Vice Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Phil Lyman

Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
Rep. Rex P. Shipp

Members Absent:

Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

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.

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Chair Stratton introduced the members of the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-10

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Watkins

1 . 1 Water Supply Discussion

Glen Merrill, National Weather Service, gave a presentation on Utah's water outlook and concerns.

Jordan Clayton, Natural Resources Conservation Service, addressed snowpack in Utah.

[Snow Survey - Water Supply](#)

Laura Haskell, Division of Water Resources, reviewed reservoir storage levels and drought statistics.

[Reservoir levels and drought statistics](#)

Committee members requested clarification on the above presentations.

2 . H.B. 163 Agricultural Advisory Board Amendments (Snider, C.)

Rep. Snider introduced the bill.

Craig Butters, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in support of the bill.

Mike Larson, representing himself, spoke to the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to pass H.B. 163 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. Snider introduced the bill.

3 . H.B. 166 Livestock Amendments (Snider, C.)

Craig Butters spoke in support of the bill.

Jake Garfield, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in support of the bill.

Mike Larson spoke in support of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to pass H.B. 166 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. Chew introduced the bill.

4 . H.B. 171 Agricultural Land Use Regulation (Chew, S.)

Wayne Bradshaw, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Cody James, Utah Department of Agriculture, spoke to the bill.

Garrick Hall spoke in support of the bill.

Jake Garfield spoke to the bill.

Andy Gant, Kane County Commissioner, spoke to the bill.

Craig Butters spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to pass H.B. 171 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-8

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-8

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm..