



MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

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

- Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
- Rep. Rex P. Shipp
- Rep. Casey Snider
- Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

- Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

- Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
- Makelle Winger, 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 2:03:39 PM.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

- Rep. C. Albrecht
- Rep. G. Bennion
- Rep. S. Chew
- Rep. S. Handy
- Rep. P. Lyman
- Rep. D. Sagers
- Rep. R. Shipp
- Rep. C. Snider
- Rep. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

- Rep. J. Briscoe
- Rep. T. Hawkes
- Rep. M. Kohler
- Rep. M. Schultz
- Rep. C. Watkins

1. H.B. 168 Preferences of Water Rights Amendments (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill with assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen, Utah State Engineer, Utah Department of Natural Resources. Responded to questions from the committee.

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

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to pass H.B. 168 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

2. H.B. 33 Instream Water Flow Amendments (Ferry, J.)

Rep. Joel Ferry presented the bill with assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen and responded to questions from the committee.

Dan Dugan, Chair, Salt Lake City Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Erickson, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wade Garrett spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to replace H.B. 33 with 1st Substitute H.B. 33. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 33 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Schultz

3. H.B. 177 Water Well Amendments (Ferry, J.)

Rep. Ferry presented the bill with the assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to pass H.B. 177 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Schultz

4. S.C.R. 3 Concurrent Resolution Highlighting Utah's Rare Earth Mineral Position (Hinkins, D.)

Sen. David Hinkins presented the bill with assistance of Richard Johnson, Rio Tinto Kennecott Utah Copper, and responded to questions from the committee.

Matt Anderson, Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brain Somers, President, Utah Mining Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Carmen ValDez, Policy Associate, Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah, spoke against the bill and requested an amendment.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to amend S.C.R. 3 with Amendment #1 and presented the amendment. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 2 - 2.

Amendment 1
S.C.R. 3

1. Page 3, Line 88 through Page 4, Line 90:

88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor find that Federal
89 designations of Utah's lands and waters without state legislative approval is hostile to state sovereignty, and
can hinder the efforts of the state and federal agencies
90 to promote national security and economic prosperity.

Yeas - 10

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 2

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe

Absent - 2

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to pass S.C.R. 3 out favorably with further discussion from Rep. Briscoe and Sen. Hinkins. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 2

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Schultz

Rep. Hawkes assumed the chair.

5. H.B. 62 Big Game Amendments (Snider, C.)

Rep. Snider presented the bill with assistance of Riley Peck, Wildlife Coordinator, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to replace H.B. 62 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 62. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 62 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

6. H.B. 145 Wildfire Amendments (Snider, C.)

Rep. Snider presented the bill with assistance of Jamie Barnes, Director, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to replace H.B. 145 with 1st Substitute H.B. 145. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.



Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION:

Rep. Watkins moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 145 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION:

Rep. Lyman moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

Acting Chair Rep. Hawkes adjourned the meeting at 3:57:26 PM.