



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 | 3:45 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Members Absent:

Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present:

Julie Humberstone, 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 Winterton called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to approve the minutes for the January 27th, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. E. Vickers

1. S.B. 144 Water Instream Flow Amendments (*Hinkins, D.*)

Sen. David Hinkins presented the bill with the assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer, and Director, Division of Water Rights; and Amy Haas, Executive Director, Colorado River Authority of Utah.

Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mark Stratford, Utah Association of Special Districts, spoke in favor of the bill.

Zach Frankel, Executive Director, Utah Rivers Council, commented on the bill.

Chelcie Hope, private citizen, commented on the bill.

Scott Martin, lawyer, Emery Water Conservancy District and Cottonwood Creek Consolidated Irrigation Company, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Larson, Utah Association of Conservation Districts, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kael Weston, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Erickson, board member, Great Basin Water Network, commented on the bill.

Teresa Wilhelmsen responded to questions.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass S.B. 144 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

2. S.C.R. 6 Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Great Salt Lake Elevation Targets (*Blouin, N.*)

Sen. Blouin presented the resolution.

Lynn de Freitas, Executive Director, Friends of Great Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the resolution.

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Lauren Griffith, private citizen, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Nan Seymour, Founder, River Writing Collective, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Alex Veilleux, Organizer, Save Our Great Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Chelcie Hope commented on the resolution.

Matthew Berry, Utah Rivers Council, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Deeda Seed, Center for Biological Diversity, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Kael Weston spoke in favor of the resolution.

Katie Newborn, private citizen, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Craig Provost, Sierra Club Utah Chapter, spoke in favor of the resolution.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall commented on S.C.R. 6 and moved to go to the next item on the agenda.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to pass S.C.R. 6 out favorably. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 2 - 4 - 2.

Yeas - 2

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. S. Pitcher

Nays - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Sandall's motion to go to the next item on the agenda passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 2

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. S. Pitcher

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

3. H.B. 30 Wildlife Resources Code Recodification (*Snider, C.*)

Sen. Sandall presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass H.B. 30 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. E. Vickers

4. 1st Sub. H.B. 31 Wildlife Resources Recodification Cross References (Snider, C.)

Sen. Sandall presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 31 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

NOTE: S.B. 0158 was not discussed in the meeting.