



# MINUTES

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair  
Sen. Nate Blouin  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Derrin R. Owens  
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher

Sen. Scott D. Sandall

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Staff Present:**

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst  
Emma Johnsen, 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 Ronald M. Winterton called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM.

**1. S.B. 125 Secondary Water Amendments (*Hinkins, D.*)**

Sen. David P. Hinkins presented the bill.

Joel Williams, Deputy Director, Utah Division of Water Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Zachary Frankel, Executive Director, Utah Rivers Council, spoke to the bill.

Kael Weston, citizen, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Scott D. Sandall moved to pass S.B. 125 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

**2. S.B. 18 Water Modifications (*Sandall, S.*)**

Sen. Sandall presented the bill.

Wade Garrett, Vice President, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Amber Brown, Director of Legislative Affairs, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mark Stratford, General Counsel, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bren Edwards, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lynn Carroll, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Warren Peterson, Water Attorney, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Trevor Nielson, General Manager, Bear River Canal Company, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Clyde, Attorney, Utah Water Task Force, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to pass S.B. 18 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

**3. S.B. 108 Veteran Access to State Parks (Kwan, K.)**

Sen. Karen Kwan presented the bill with the assistance of Brian Garrett, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs.

Scott Strong, Interim Director, Utah Division of State Parks, spoke in favor of the bill.

Talin Hansen, Representative, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. David G. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 108 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

**4. H.B. 54 Coal Miner Certification Panel Amendments (Albrecht, C.)**

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 54 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Keith Grover moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

**5. H.B. 23 Division of Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council Sunset Extension (*Brooks, W.*)**

Rep. Walt Brooks presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Sandall moved to pass H.B. 23 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

**6. H.B. 42 Water Rights Publication Amendments (*Briscoe, J.*)**

Rep. Joel K. Briscoe presented the bill.

Wade Garrett, Vice President, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephanie Pitcher moved to pass H.B. 42 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 3:14 PM.

NOTE: S.B. 0118 was not discussed in the meeting.