

MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 8, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair

Sen. Nate Blouin Sen. Derrin R. Owens Sen. Scott D. Sandall Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

Sen. David G. Buxton Sen. Keith Grover Sen. Stephanie Pitcher

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.

Chair Ronald Winterton called the meeting to order at 2:22 PM.

MOTION: Sen. Nate Blouin moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 meeting. The motion

passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

 Yeas - 3
 Nays - 0
 Absent - 5

 Sen. N. Blouin
 Sen. D. Buxton

 Sen. D. Owens
 Sen. K. Grover

 Sen. R. Winterton
 Sen. S. Pitcher

Sen. S. Sandall Sen. E. Vickers

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 241 Clean Energy Amendments (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht presented the bill.

Thom Carter, Director of Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Derrin R. Owens moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 241 out favorably. The motion passed

with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3Nays - 0Absent - 5Sen. N. BlouinSen. D. BuxtonSen. D. OwensSen. K. GroverSen. R. WintertonSen. S. PitcherSen. S. SandallSen. E. Vickers

2. H.B. 363 Livestock Grazing Amendments (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Redge Johnson, Executive Director, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

Connor Peterson, Senior Policy Analyst, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass H.B. 363 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.



| Yeas - 4 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 4 |
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| Sen. N. Blouin | • | Sen. D. Buxton |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. K. Grover |
| Sen. E. Vickers | | Sen. S. Pitcher |
| Sen. R. Winterton | | Sen. S. Sandall |

3. H.C.R. 8 Concurrent Resolution Creating the Butch Cassidy State Monument (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill.

Darin Bushman, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Redge Johnson, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Scott Strong, Deputy Director of Business Management, Utah State Parks, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jerry Taylor, County Commissioner, Garfield County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sam Steed, County Commissioner, Piute County, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass H.C.R. 8 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

| Yeas - 4 | <u>Nays - 0</u> | <u> Absent - 4</u> |
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| Sen. N. Blouin | · | Sen. D. Buxton |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. K. Grover |
| Sen. E. Vickers | | Sen. S. Pitcher |
| Sen. R. Winterton | | Sen. S. Sandall |

4. H.B. 360 Outdoor Recreation Amendments (Owens, D.)

Rep. Doug Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Jason Curry, Director, Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Outdoor Recreation.

Jack Draxler, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Evan J. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 360 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4

| <u>Nays - 0</u> | <u> Absent - 4</u> |
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| • | Sen. D. Buxton |
| | Sen. K. Grover |
| | Sen. S. Pitcher |
| | Sen. S. Sandall |
| | <u>Nays - 0</u> |

5. 1st Sub. H.B. 117 Wind Energy Facility Siting Modifications (Burton, J.)

Rep. Jefferson S. Burton presented the bill with the assistance of Brian Garrett, Deputy Director of Military Affairs, Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 117 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.



| <u>Yeas - 4</u> | Nays - 0 | Absent - 4 |
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| Sen. N. Blouin | | Sen. D. Buxton |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. K. Grover |
| Sen. E. Vickers | | Sen. S. Pitcher |
| Sen. R. Winterton | | Sen. S. Sandall |

6. 2nd Sub. H.B. 191 Electrical Energy Amendments (Jack, C.)

Rep. Colin W. Jack presented the bill.

Michele Beck, Director, Utah Office of Consumer Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Logan Mitchell, Climate Scientist and Energy Analyst, Utah Clean Energy, spoke to the bill.

Harry Hansen, Deputy Director, Utah Office of Energy Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 191 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 1 - 5.

Yeas - 2Nays - 1Absent - 5Sen. D. OwensSen. N. BlouinSen. D. BuxtonSen. R. WintertonSen. K. GroverSen. S. Pitcher

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7. H.B. 206 Columbia Interstate Compact Amendments (Peterson, T.)

Rep. Thomas W. Peterson presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass H.B. 206 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

 Yeas - 3
 Nays - 0
 Absent - 5

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Sen. E. Vickers

8. H.B. 90 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Amendments (Stenguist, J.)

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenguist presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to amend H.B. 90 with Amendment #4. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 -

Amendment 4 H.B. 90

1. Page 1, Lines 7 through 19:

7 LONG TITLE

- 8 { Committee Note:
- 9 The Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee recommended
- 10 this bill.
- 11 Legislative Vote: 8 voting for 1 voting against 5 absent }
- 12 General Description:
- 13 This bill makes changes related to outdoor recreation infrastructure.
- 14 Highlighted Provisions:

- 15 This bill:
- 16 clarifies the definition for outdoor recreation infrastructure;
- 16a Ĥ→ rincludes additional authorized uses for funds in the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure
- 16b Restricted Account:←Ĥ
- allows the division to reimburse itself for costs from the Outdoor Adventure 17
- Infrastructure Restricted Account; and 18
- makes technical changes. 19
- Page 3. Lines 66 through 74d: 2.
- 66 [4] (3) Subject to appropriation from the Legislature, money from the account shall
- 67 be used for:
- (a) new construction of outdoor recreation infrastructure: 68
- (b) upgrades of outdoor recreation infrastructure: 69
- (c) the replacement of or structural improvements to outdoor recreation infrastructure: 70
- (d) the acquisition of land, a right-of-way, or easement used in relationship to outdoor 71
- recreation infrastructure: Ĥ→ [or] ←Ĥ 72
- (e) providing access from state highways, as defined in Section 72-1-102, to outdoor 73
- 74 recreation infrastructure $\hat{H} \rightarrow [-\frac{1}{2}]$:
- 74a (f) the costs associated with bringing new construction or upgrades of outdoor
- 74b recreation infrastructure into environmental compliance; { or }
- 74c (g) strategic planning related to the development of outdoor recreation infrastructure (--)
- 74d ←Ĥ; or

(h) facilitating avalanche safety forecasting to protect the public in relation to outdoor recreation infrastructure.

| <u>Yeas - 3</u> | <u>Nays - 0</u> | <u> Absent - 5</u> |
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| Sen. N. Blouin | · | Sen. D. Buxton |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. K. Grover |
| Sen. R. Winterton | | Sen. S. Pitcher |
| | | Sen. S. Sandall |
| | | Sen. F. Vickers |

Sen. Blouin moved to pass H.B. 90 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5. MOTION:

| Yeas - 3 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 5 |
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| Sen. N. Blouin | | Sen. D. Buxton |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. K. Grover |
| Sen. R. Winterton | | Sen. S. Pitcher |
| | | Sen. S. Sandall |
| | | Sen. E. Vickers |

9. S.B. 195 Golf Course Amendments (McCay, D.)

Sen. Daniel McCay presented the bill.

Frank Pignanelli, Foxley & Pignanelli, Utah Media Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rvan Peterson, Lobbyist, Golf Alliance Utah, spoke to the bill.

Warren Peterson, Consultant, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke to the bill.

Sen. Vickers moved to pass S.B. 195 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4. MOTION:



| Yeas - 4 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 4 |
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| Sen. N. Blouin | | Sen. D. Buxton |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. K. Grover |
| Sen. E. Vickers | | Sen. S. Pitcher |
| Sen. R. Winterton | | Sen. S. Sandall |

10. H.B. 295 Produced Water Amendments (Lund, S.)

Rep. Steve Lund presented the bill with the assistance of Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President, Utah Petroleum Association and Gage Hart Zobell, Dorsey & Whitney, Utah Petroleum Association.

Alan Walker, Operations Manager, Energy and Geoscience Institute at the University of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bart Kettle, Deputy Director, Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Wade Garrett, Vice President of Advocacy and Strategic Relationships, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 295 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

| <u>Yeas - 5</u> | <u>Nays - 0</u> | <u> Absent - 3</u> |
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| Sen. N. Blouin | • | Sen. D. Buxton |
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| Sen. S. Sandall | | Sen. S. Pitcher |
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Sen. E. Vickers Sen. R. Winterton

11. 1st Sub. H.B. 275 Water Amendments (Snider, C.)

Rep. Casey Snider presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 275 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 275. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

| <u>Yeas - 4</u> | <u>Nays - 0</u> | <u> Absent - 4</u> |
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| Sen. S. Sandall | | Sen. S. Pitcher |
| Sen. R. Winterton | | Sen. E. Vickers |

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

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 275 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

| <u>Yeas - 4</u> | <u>Nays - 0</u> | <u> Absent - 4</u> |
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| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. K. Grover |
| Sen. S. Sandall | | Sen. S. Pitcher |
| Sen. R. Winterton | | Sen. E. Vickers |

MOTION: Sen. Blouin moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.



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 Yeas - 4
 Nays - 0
 Absent - 4

 Sen. N. Blouin
 Sen. D. Buxton

 Sen. D. Owens
 Sen. K. Grover

 Sen. S. Sandall
 Sen. S. Pitcher

 Sen. R. Winterton
 Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 4:23 PM.