



# MINUTES

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

Friday, February 23, 2024 | 4:00 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  
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 Winterton called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

**MOTION:** Sen. David G. Buxton moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

**1. S.B. 270 Utah Lake and Great Salt Lake Study Amendments (*Bramble, C.*)**

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Derrin R. Owens moved to replace S.B. 270 with 1st Substitute S.B. 270. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

Jeff Salt, Treasurer, Utah Anglers Coalition, spoke to the bill.

John Mabey, Attorney, Utah Lake Water Users Association, spoke to the bill.

Steven Clyde, General Counsel, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, spoke to the bill.

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 270 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher

**2. 1st Sub. H.B. 143 Shooting Range Requirements (Owens, D.)**

Rep. Doug Owens presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Evan J. Vickers moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 143 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher

**3. 2nd Sub. H.B. 159 Bears Ears Visitor Center Advisory Committee Repeal Amendments (Owens, D.)**

Rep. Owens presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 159 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher

**4. 2nd Sub. H.B. 469 Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Amendments (Wilcox, R.)**

Sen. Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Sergeant John Spencer, Conservation Officer, Division of Wildlife Resources, and Joel Ferry, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources.

Kerry Gibson, Representative, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke to the bill.

Ethan Justinger, Conservation Officer, Utah Conservation Officers Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 469 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. K. Grover

**5. H.B. 402 State Campgrounds Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)**

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the bill with the assistance of Scott Strong, Interim Director, Utah State Parks.

**MOTION:** Sen. Nate Blouin moved to pass H.B. 402 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Pitcher

**6. 1st Sub. H.B. 382 Wildlife Amendments (*Snider, C.*)**

Rep. Casey Snider presented the bill with the assistance of Riley Peck, Legislative Liaison, Division of Wildlife Resources.

Jared Tingey, Legal Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Garritt Slatcoff, Policy and Access Coordinator Utah Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 382 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. K. Grover

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. K. Grover

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM.