

DRAFT MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 27, 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

Staff Present:

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst

Sen. Stephanie Pitcher Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

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 2:01 PM.

MOTION: Sen. David G. Buxton moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2024 meeting. The motion

passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

 Yeas - 4
 Nays - 0
 Absent - 4

 Sen. D. Buxton
 Sen. N. Blouin

 Sen. K. Grover
 Sen. S. Pitcher

 Sen. D. Owens
 Sen. S. Sandall

 Sen. R. Winterton
 Sen. E. Vickers

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 215 Home Solar Energy Amendments (Jack, C.)

Rep. Colin Jack presented the bill with the assistance of Katherine Hass, Director, Division of Consumer Protection.

Nathaniel Johnson, Executive Director, Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Shawn Guzman, Attorney, Saint George City, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Derrin R. Owens moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 215 out favorably. The motion passed

with a vote of 4 - 1 - 3.

 Yeas - 4
 Nays - 1
 Absent - 3

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2. H.B. 522 Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program Amendments (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht presented the bill.

Kelly Pehrson, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Nate Blouin moved to pass H.B. 522 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0.

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Yeas - 8 Nays - 0 Absent - 0

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3. H.B. 478 Animal Care Amendments (Thurston, N.)

Rep. Norman K. Thurston presented the bill.

4. H.B. 526 Shell Egg Producers Amendments (Shipp, R.P.)

Rep. Rex P. Shipp presented the bill.

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

Dalane England, Vice President of Issues, United Women's Forum and Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass H.B. 526 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7 Absent - 1 Nays - 0 Sen. N. Blouin Sen. D. Buxton

Sen. K. Grover

Sen. D. Owens

Sen. S. Pitcher

Sen. S. Sandall

Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. R. Winterton

5. 2nd Sub. H.B. 373 Environmental Quality Amendments (Snider, C.)

Rep. Casey Snider presented the bill.

Sen. Owens moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 373 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 373. The motion MOTION:

passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7 Navs - 0 Absent - 1 Sen. N. Blouin Sen. D. Buxton

Sen. K. Grover

Sen. D. Owens

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Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President, Utah Petroleum Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mick Thomas, Director of Oil, Gas, and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ava Curtis, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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Sen. Scott D. Sandall moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 373 out favorably. The motion passed with MOTION: a vote of 5 - 2 - 1.

<u>Yeas - 5</u> Nays - 2 Absent - 1 Sen. K. Grover Sen. D. Buxton Sen. N. Blouin

Sen. S. Pitcher Sen. D. Owens

Sen. S. Sandall Sen. E. Vickers Sen. R. Winterton

6. H.B. 567 Fire Regulation Amendments (Brooks, W.)

Rep. Walt Brooks presented the bill.

Bryce Bird, Director, Utah Division of Air Quality, spoke to the bill.

Dalane England, Vice President of Issues, United Women's Forum and Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Evan J. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 567 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 -MOTION:

Yeas - 7 Absent - 1 Nays - 0 Sen. D. Buxton Sen. N. Blouin

Sen. K. Grover

Sen. D. Owens

Sen. S. Pitcher

Sen. S. Sandall

Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. R. Winterton

7. 1st Sub. H.B. 437 Fire Amendments (Snider, C.)

Rep. Snider presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 437 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 437. The motion

passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 1 Sen. N. Blouin Sen. D. Buxton

Sen. K. Grover

Sen. D. Owens

Sen. S. Pitcher

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MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 437 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

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<u>Yeas - 7</u> Sen. N. Blouin <u>Absent - 1</u> Sen. D. Buxton

Sen. K. Grover

Sen. D. Owens

Sen. S. Pitcher

Sen. S. Sandall

Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. R. Winterton

8. 1st Sub. H.B. 502 Critical Infrastructure and Mining (Snider, C.)

Rep. Snider presented the bill.

Shelley Thayne Rich, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mick Thomas, Director of Oil, Gas, and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Kallas, Director, Critical Infrastructure Materials Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

Justin Stewart, Policy Advisor, Salt Lake County, spoke to the bill.

Justin Lee, Deputy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Lu Dunham, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Robert Macfarlane, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Andrew Smith, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Deborah Gardner, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 502 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote

of 5 - 2 - 1.

 Yeas - 5
 Nays - 2
 Absent - 1

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 Sen. N. Blouin
 Sen. D. Buxton

Sen. D. Owens Sen. S. Pitcher

Sen. S. Sandall Sen. E. Vickers Sen. R. Winterton

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

Yeas - 7 Sen. N. Blouin Sen. D. Buxton

Sen. K. Grover

Sen. D. Owens

Sen. S. Pitcher

Sen. S. Sandall

Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. R. Winterton

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.