

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

ROOM 129 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

**Members Present:** Rep. Craig W. Buttars, Chair  
Rep. Darin G. Peterson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Eli H. Anderson  
Rep. Roger E. Barrus  
Rep. David N. Cox  
Rep. Margaret Dayton  
Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson  
Rep. Michael E. Noel  
Rep. Michael R. Styler  
Rep. David Ure  
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jackie Biskupski

**Staff Present:** Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Bethany Brady, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Vice-Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Buttars moved to adopt the committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2004. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cox, Rep. Donnelson, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Styler, Rep. Ure, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

**S.B. 46      *Sunset Date Extension of Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Sen. M. Dmitrich)***

Sen. Dmitrich introduced the bill with the assistance of Lowell Braxton, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. Sen. Dmitrich declared a conflict of interest.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cox, Rep. Donnelson, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Styler, Rep. Ure, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dayton moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cox, Rep. Donnelson, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Styler, Rep.

Ure, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

**2nd Sub. S.B. 19                    Sales and Use Taxes - Exemption for Energy Related Equipment and Machinery (Sen. L. Blackham)**

Sen. Blackham introduced the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Spoke to the bill:                    Connely Hanson, Utah State University Professor of Engineering  
Sarah Wright, Utah Clean Energy Alliance  
Sarah Baldwin, Citizen of Salt Lake City  
Kathy VanDame, Wasatch Clean Air Coalition  
Greg Radmall, Utah Dairy Association  
Mike Peterson, Utah Rural Electric Association  
Wes Quinton, Utah Farm Bureau  
Ed Thatcher, Deseret Power  
Kevin Boardman, Utah Pacific Power Corp

MOTION:    Rep. Ure moved to make the following amendments to the bill:

Senate Goldenrod (2-3-2004)

Page 43, Line 1309: reinstate "2004" and delete "2006"

Page 43, Line 1316: reinstate "2004" and delete "2006"

Page 43, Line 1317: reinstate "2004"

Page 43, Line 1317a: delete "2006"

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

MOTION:    Rep. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

**1st Sub. S.B. 76                    Revisions to Royalty on Brine Shrimp (Sen. T. Hatch)**

Sen. Hatch introduced the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Spoke for the bill:                    Don Leonard, Brine Shrimp Association

MOTION:    Rep. Anderson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

**H.J.R. 20                    Resolution Regarding Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Rep. D. Peterson)**

Rep. Peterson introduced the bill and responded to questions from the committee. Rep. Peterson declared a conflict of interest.

Spoke to the bill:            Steve Erikson, Downwinder  
                                      Mary Dixon, Downwinder  
                                      Vanessa Pierce, HEAL Utah

MOTION:     Rep. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

**H.B. 131     Eminent Domain Amendments (*Rep. B. Ferry*)**

Rep. Ferry introduced the bill and responded the questions from the committee.

Spoke to the bill:            Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties  
                                      Wes Quinton, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION:     Rep. Peterson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 119     Fencing Responsibilities with Greenbelt or Conservation Easement (*Rep. D. Ure*)**

MOTION:     Rep. Ure moved to adopt the 1st Substitute of HB 119. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Ure introduced the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Spoke to the bill:            Wes Quinton, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION:     Rep. Urquhart moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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Rep. Craig W. Buttars, Chair