

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

Room W125, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 18, 2006

(Revised)

**Members Present:** Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair  
Rep. Michael E. Noel, Vice Chair  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. David N. Cox  
Rep. Margaret Dayton  
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson  
Rep. John G. Mathis  
Rep. Patrick L. Painter  
Rep. David Ure  
Rep. Mark W. Walker  
Rep. Richard Wheeler

**Members Absent:** Rep. Craig W. Buttars  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Staff Present:** Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Linda Error, Committee Secretary

**Note:** List of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes

Rep. Barrus called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

**H.B. 45 Bear River Development Act (*Rep. J. S. Adams*)**

Rep. Adams explained the bill to the committee. (handout)

Spoke to the bill: Ed Alter, State Treasurer  
Tage Flint, General Manager, Weber Basin Water  
Fred Finlinson, Water Coalition

Spoke against the bill: Will Bagley, Utah Rivers Council  
Erinn Neyrey, Utah Rivers Council (handout)

**MOTION:** Rep. Ure moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed, with Rep. Biskupski voting in opposition, and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

**H.B. 47      Sales Tax Diversion for Water Projects and Water Financing (*Rep. D. Ure*)**

Rep. Ure explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION:      Rep. Ure moved to delete in title and body H.B.47 and replace it with 1st Substitute H.B. 47. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

Spoke for the bill:      Fred Finlinson, Water Coalition  
                                 Warren Peterson, General Council, Provo River Water Users  
                                 Keith Denos, General Manger, Provo River Water Users      (handout)

Spoke against the bill:      Erinn Neyrey, Utah Rivers Council

MOTION:      Rep. Gowans moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed, with Rep. Biskupski voting in opposition, and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

**H.B. 48      Water Company Amendments (*Rep. D. Ure*)**

Rep. Ure explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION:      Rep. Biskupski moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 4    Line 109    after of insert "actual"

SUBSTITUTE

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

**H.B. 228      Groundwater Management Plan (*Rep. D. Ure*)**

This bill was not considered.

MOTION:      Rep. Cox moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Barrus adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair

