

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

Room W125, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 24, 2006

Members Present: Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair
Rep. Michael E. Noel, Vice Chair
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
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. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Richard Wheeler

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 8:08 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Walker moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Dayton, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Painter, Rep. Ure, Rep. Wheatley and Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote.

H.B. 264 Acceptance of R.s. 2477 Rights-of-way Amendments (Rep. M. Noel)

Rep. Noel explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Wayne Jones, Executive Director, Utah Power Sports Dealer's Association

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

H.B. 238 Authorizing Temporary Road Closures (Rep. M. Noel)

Rep. Noel explained the bill to the committee.

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

H.B. 61 Criminal Penalty for Animal Cruelty (Rep. S. Wyatt)

Rep. Wyatt explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Cheryl Smith, Executive Director, Wasatch Humane

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

H.B. 69 Utah Dairy Act Amendments (Rep. B. Johnson)

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to adopt 1st Substitute H.B.69. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Ure, Rep. Walker and Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote.

Rep. Johnson explained the bill to the committee, with the assistance of Rhett Roberts, owner, Redman Mineral.

Spoke to the bill: Leonard Blackham, Commissioner of Agriculture and Food
Kyle Stephens, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture and Food
Dr. Robert Rolf, Utah Department of Health

Spoke for the bill: Kathleen Bush, registered nurse
Ann King, Real Food Market

Spoke against the bill: Mark Gibbons, President, Utah Dairymen's Association
Myron Bateman, Tooele County Health Department

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to pass the bill out favorably and amend as follows:

1. Page 8, Lines 214 through 217:

214 enacted under this section.

~~215~~ (5) The Department of Health may regulate the production and sale of raw milk under

216 Section 26-1-30.}

217 {~~(6)~~} (5) Beginning in 2008, the Department of Health and the Department
of Agriculture

The motion to amend and pass the bill out favorably passed, with Rep. Butters, Rep. Mathis and Rep. Wheeler voting in opposition. Rep. Ure was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Biskupski moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

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

Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair