

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

Room W125, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 25, 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. Noel called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Johnson, Rep. Walker, Rep. Wheatley and Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote.

S.B. 27 Lake Powell Pipeline Development Act (*Sen. T. Hatch*)

Sen. Hatch explained the bill, with the assistance of Ron Thompson, Manager, Washington County Water Conservancy District.

Spoke for the bill: Fred Finlinson, Water Coalition

Spoke to the bill: Steve Erickson, Citizen's Education Project
Michael Styler, Director, Department of Natural Resources

MOTION: Rep. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Johnson, Rep. Walker, Rep. Wheatley, Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote..

H.B. 296 Governor's Budget - Wage and Benefit Increases to Be Considered for Soil Conservation District (Rep. K. Gibson)

Rep. Gibson explained the bill to the committee.

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

1. *Page 1, Line 13:*

13 and to Utah Association of {~~Soil~~} Conservation {~~district~~} District
employees.

2. *Page 1, Line 17:*

17 conservation districts, and employees of the Utah Association of {~~Soil~~} Conservation

3. *Page 1, Line 21:*

21 districts, and employees of the Utah Association of {~~Soil~~} Conservation Districts, the

4. *Page 5, Line 128:*

128 {~~Soil~~} Conservation District employees the same percentage increase for wages and
benefits that

5. *Page 6, Line 168:*

168 Association of {~~Soil~~} Conservation District employees the same percentage increase
for wages

The motion to amend passed unanimously, with Rep. Walker, Rep. Wheatly and Rep. Walker absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Leonard Blackham, Commissioner of Agriculture and Food
Gordon Younker, Utah Association of Conservation Districts

MOTION: Rep. Ure moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Dayton absent for the vote.

H.B. 97 Community Impact Amendments (*Rep. G. Snow*)

Rep. Snow explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Rulon Gill, Questar Corporation
Lee Peacock, Utah Petroleum Association

Spoke to the bill: Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties
Gordon Walker, Division of Housing and Community Development &
Chairmen, Community Impact Board

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

H.B. 211 Brand Inspection Amendments (*Rep. D. Ure*)

This bill was not considered.

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

Rep. Noel adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.