

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

Room W125, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex
January 27, 2006

Members Present: Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. David N. Cox
Rep. Margaret Dayton
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. John G. Mathis
Rep. Patrick L. Painter
Rep. David Ure
Rep. Mark W. Walker
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Richard Wheeler

Members Excused: Rep. Michael E. Noel

Members Absent: Rep. Bradley T. Johnson

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 2:13 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Biskupski moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Dayton and Rep. Gowans absent for the vote.

H.B. 271 Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments (*Rep. D. Ure*)

Rep. Ure explained the bill to the committee, with the assistance of Brad Johnson, Division Director, Division of Environmental Mediation.

Spoke for the bill: John Hill, Utah Petroleum Marketers and Retailers

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

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

Rep. Ure explained the bill to the committee.

Rep. Ure declared a conflict of interest.

Spoke against the bill: Brent Tanner, Utah Cattlemen's Association
 Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau Federation
 Michael R. Marshall, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
 Terry Menlove, Manager, Brand Inspection Program

Spoke for the bill: Craig Moody, self

MOTION: Rep. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed, with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Mathis and Rep. Wheeler voting in opposition.

MOTION: Rep. Biskupski moved to correct the minutes of the January 25, 2006 meeting. The minutes reflected that H.B. 69 was shown as not considered instead of H.B. 211. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 126 County Option Sales and Use Tax for Agricultural Land and Open Land (*Rep. C. Buttars*)

Rep. Buttars explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Joe Fuhriman, Cache County Agricultural Advisory Board
 John Meikle, Land Preservation Alliance
 Evan Olsen, Cache County resident
 Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau Federation

Spoke against the bill: Mike Jerman, Utah Taxpayer's Association
 Taz Biesinger, Utah Home Builders's Association

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

H.B. 287 Wildlife Damage Compensation Act Amendments (*Rep. C. Buttars*)

This bill was not considered.

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

Rep. Barrus adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair