

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
Monday, January 23, 2006
Utah State Capitol Complex, West Office Building, Suite W015

Members Present: Sen. Michael Waddoups, Chair
 Sen. Fred Fife
 Sen. Thomas Hatch
 Sen. Scott McCoy
 Sen. Darin Peterson

Member Excused: Sen. Beverly Evans

Staff Present: J. Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
 Saundra Maeser, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: John Baza, Director, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
 David Litvin, President, Utah Mining Association
 Darin Bird, Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources
 LeGrand Bitter, Director, Utah Association of Special Districts
 Mary Draper, citizen
 Claire Geddes, citizen
 Anita Davis, citizen
 Jason Groenewold, Director, Heal Utah
 Anne Suvad Hansen, citizen
 Penny Archibald Stone, citizen

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

Committee Chair Waddoups called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Copies of the Utah Department of Natural Resources 2004-2005 Annual Report and Directory of Services was distributed.

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen Fife moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2006.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. S.B. 46 Utah Coal Regulator Program Amendments (Sen. M. Dmitrich)

Sen. Mike Dmitrich introduced the bill. John Baza, Director, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining assisted in the presentation.

David Litvin, President, Utah Mining Association, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hatch moved to pass S.B. 46, Utah Coal Regulator Program Amendments, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. S.B. 67 Conservation Easement Restricted Accounts (Sen. B. Evans)

Darin Bird, Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to adopt the following amendment:

1. Page 3, Lines 59 through 60

- 59 (3) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of [~~Agriculture and~~
~~Food~~] Natural Resources
- 60 shall use monies from the account to monitor and enforce compliance with
conservation

The motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to pass S.B. 67, Conservation Easement Restricted Accounts, out favorably as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. S.B. 70 Process for Approval of Waste Disposal Amendments (Sen. H. Stephenson)

Sen. Howard Stephenson introduced the bill.

LeGrand Bitter, Director, Utah Association of Special Districts, spoke to the bill.

Mary Draper, citizen; Claire Geddes, citizen, Anita Davis, citizen, Jason Groenewold, Director, Heal Utah; Anne Suvad Hansen, citizen and Penny Archibald Stone, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hatch moved to adopt the following amendment to S.B. 70:

1. Page 1, Lines 24 through 25

24 Other Special Clauses:

25 [[~~None~~]] **This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.**

2. Page 11, Lines 329 through 330:

329 regulation under the federal Atomic Energy Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 2014 and 2021
through

330 2114.

Section 3. Effective date.

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to pass S.B. 70, Process for Approval of Waste Disposal Amendments, out favorably as amended.

The motion passed with Sen. Waddoups, Sen. Hatch and Sen. Peterson voting in support and Sen. Fife and Sen. McCoy voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Hatch moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Waddoups adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes reported by Sandra Maeser, Secretary

Michael Waddoups, Committee Chair