

MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, February 15, 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:    Leonard Blackham, Commissioner, Dept. of Agriculture and Food  
                                  Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality  
                                  Dianne Nielson, Executive Director, Dept. of Environmental Quality  
                                  Todd Bingham, Vice President of Policy, Utah Farm Bureau Federation

A list of visitors is filed with the committee minutes.

Committee Chair Waddoups called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2006.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Fife and Sen. Hatch absent at the time of voting.

**2. S.B. 228    Special Revenue Fund for Salinity Offset Program (Sen. P. Knudson)**

Sen. Peter Knudson introduced the bill. Leonard Blackham, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food, assisted in the presentation.

Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality, answered questions from the committee.

Dianne Nielson, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality; and Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Peterson moved to pass S.B. 228, Special Revenue Fund for Salinity Offset Program, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Peterson moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Waddoups adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Minutes reported by Sandra Maeser, Secretary

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Michael Waddoups, Committee Chair