

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

Room C445, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex

January 30, 2009

Members Present: Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair
Rep. John Mathis, Vice Chair
Rep. Mel Brown
Rep. Brad Dee
Rep. Jack Draxler
Rep. Kerry Gibson
Rep. James Gowans
Rep. Neal Hendrickson
Rep. Mike Noel
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Phil Riesen
Rep. Christine Watkins
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox
Rep. Brad Winn

Staff Present: Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Carrie Griffith, Committee Secretary

Note: List of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes

Rep. Mathis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Rep. Barrus was excused for the first part of the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus and Rep. Dee absent for the vote.

S.B. 13 *Administering Substances to Wildlife (Sen. M. Dayton) (Rep. R. Barrus)*
(handout)

Sen. Dayton, assisted by Robin Thomas, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Ed Kent, Wildlife Habitat Coalition

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

S.B. 17 Surface Coal Mining Amendments (*Sen. D. Stowell*) (Rep. M. Noel**)**

Sen. Stowell, assisted by John Baza, Director Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Rob Weyher, President Utah Mining Association

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus and Rep. Dee absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Winn moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus and Rep. Dee absent for the vote.

H.B. 116 Uniform Fees on Canoes (*Rep. M. Wheatley*)

Rep. Wheatley explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Draxler and Rep. Mathis voting in opposition. Rep. Barrus, Rep. Dee and Rep. Winn were absent for the vote.

H.B. 115 County Conservation and Preservation Fund (*Rep. J. Draxler*)

Rep. Draxler explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau
 Bill Rigby, Crop Farmer and President of Utah Conservation Districts

MOTION: Rep. Riesen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Brown, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Hendrickson, Rep. Noel and Rep. Painter voting in opposition. Rep. Barrus was absent for the vote.

H.B. 92 Requirement to Wear Hunter Orange Amendments (*Rep. S. Sandstrom*)

MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to replace **H.B. 92** with **1st Sub. H.B. 92**. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus absent for the vote.

Rep. Sandstrom explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Robin Thomas, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
 Don Peay, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to pass the bill out favorably as substituted. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus absent for the vote.

H.B. 235 Dam Safety Amendments (*Rep. S. Sandstrom*)

Rep. Sandstrom explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Boyd Clayton, Utah Division of Water Rights

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

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to adjourn.

Rep. Mathis adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair