

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

Room C445, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex  
February 26, 2009

**Members Present:** Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair  
Rep. John Mathis, Vice Chair  
Rep. Mel Brown  
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

**Members Excused:** Rep. Brad Dee

**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. Barrus called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 and January 24, 2009 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Noel and Rep. Winn absent for the vote.

**H.J.R. 16 Resolution Amending Provision on Municipal Water Rights (Rep. K. McIff)**

**MOTION:** Rep. Painter moved to amend the resolution as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 1:

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**JOINT** RESOLUTION AMENDING PROVISION ON

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Noel and Rep. Winn absent for the vote.

Rep. McIff explained the resolution to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition

Spoke to the bill: Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION: Rep. Riesen moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Draxler and Rep. Barrus voting in opposition. Rep. Gowans and Rep. Hendrickson were absent for the vote.

**S.J.R. 17 Hydraulic Fracturing Joint Resolution (Sen. D. Hinkins) (Rep. M. Noel)**

Rep. Hinkins, assisted by Lee Peacock, Utah Petroleum Association, explained the resolution to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: John Baza, Director, Utah Division Oil, Gas and Mining  
Rey Butcher, Questar Gas Corp.

MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to place the resolution on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans absent for the vote.

**H.B. 420 Carbon Emission Reduction Provisions Amendments (Rep. C. Watkins)**

Rep. Watkins explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to hold the bill in committee, in the possession of the Chair, and work with leadership to place it in Interim Study. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 183 National Animal Identification System (Rep. M. Brown)**

Rep. Brown explained the bill to the committee.

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

1. Page 2, Lines 37 through 39:

37 (a) require a person to participate in {~~;~~}

38 {~~(i)~~} the national animal identification system {~~;~~~~or~~}

39            {~~(fi) a system~~} that requires livestock premise registration, identification, or tracking;

2. *Page 2, Line 50:*

50    identification system {~~or any other similar system~~} that regulates livestock or poultry, including

The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke for the bill:   Terry Menlove, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food  
                          Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau  
                          Grant Kohler, Dairy Farmers of Utah

MOTION:            Rep. Gowans moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**S.B. 38   Severance Tax Amendments (*Sen. J. Valentine*) (**Rep. J. Dougall**)**

At the request of the sponsor, this bill was not heard.

Rep. Painter informed committee members that he's been working with the State Engineer on H.B. 389, "Applications For a Small Amount of Water," which will be coming to the Natural Resources Standing Committee next week. He invited anyone to contact him if there are questions or concerns.

Rep. Gowans asked that H.B. 383, "Water Rights Adjudication Amendments" be put on the Monday, March 2, 2009 agenda.

MOTION:            Rep. Wilcox moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

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Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair

