

MINUTES OF THE
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 4, 2009
415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Dennis Stowell, Chair
 Sen. Allen Christensen
 Sen. Margaret Dayton
 Sen. Karen Morgan
 Sen. Ralph Okerlund

Member Absent: Sen. Gene Davis

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

Public Speakers Present: Todd Bingham, Vice President, Utah Farm Bureau Federation
 Craig Peterson, Salt Lake City
 Boyd Clayton, Deputy State Engineer, Division of Water Rights
 Michael Styler, Executive Director, Dept. of Natural Resources
 Rob Weyher, President, Utah Mining Association
 Lynn Pace, Attorney, Salt Lake City

A list of visitors is filed with the committee minutes.

Committee Chair Stowell called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2009 and February 3, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. S.B. 128 Rainwater Harvesting (Sen. S. Jenkins)

Todd Bingham, Vice President, Utah Farm Bureau Federation; Craig Peterson, Salt Lake City; and Boyd Clayton, Deputy State Engineer, Division of Water Rights, spoke to the bill.

Sen. Scott Jenkins introduced the bill. Michael Styler, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, assisted in the presentation and answered questions from the committee.

Rob Weyher, President, Utah Mining Association, and Lynn Pace, Attorney, Salt Lake City, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass S.B. 128, Rainwater Harvesting, out favorably with the request that issues discussed in committee be resolved before the bill reaches the Senate floor.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Stowell adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Minutes reported by Sandra Maeser, Secretary

Dennis E. Stowell, Committee Chair