

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

Room C445, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex

February 8, 2010

**Members Present:** 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. Bill Wright

**Members Absent:** Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair

**Staff Present:** Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Dora Soto, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Mathis called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Mathis moved to approve the minutes of the February 04, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown, Rep. Dee, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Wright absent for the vote.

**H.B. 271      Hunting Guides and Outfitters Licensing Act Amendments (*Rep. E. Vickers*)**

Rep. Vickers explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Robin Thomas, Marketing Specialist Division of Wildlife Resources.

**MOTION:** Rep. Painter moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**S.B. 24      Land Exchange Distribution Account Amendments (Sen. D. Stowell) (Rep.)**

Rep. Stowell explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Kevin Carter, Director of School/Inst Trust Lands Administration.

**MOTION:** Rep. Painter moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 68      Habitual Wanton Destruction of Wildlife (Rep. C. Oda)**

Rep. Oda explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Martin Bushman, Assistant Attorney General of Wildlife Resources, who provided handouts to committee members.

**MOTION:** Rep. Mathis moved the following amendments:

1. Page 2, Line 32:

32      (b) within seven years of the day on which the violation described in Subsection (1)(a) occurs, has twice {~~before~~} been convicted of taking a big game animal in violation of Section

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Brown moved the following amendment:

1. Page 1. Line 16 and 17:

Delete: "third degree felony" and insert "class A misdemeanor"

2. Page 2. Line 37:

Delete: "third degree felony" and insert "class A misdemeanor"

The motion failed with Rep. Dee, Rep. Draxler, Rep. Painter, Rep. Riesen, Rep. Watkins, Rep. Wilcox, and Rep. Mathis voting in opposition.

**MOTION:** Rep. Noel moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Brown, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Hendrickson voting in opposition.

**S.B. 11          Utah State-made Firearms Protection Act (*Sen. M. Dayton*) (**Rep. S. Sandstrom**)**

Rep. Dayton explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill:    Clark Aposhian, Utah Shooting Sports Council  
   Don Peay, Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife

**MOTION:**    Rep. Gibson moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Riesen voting in opposition.

**S.B. 36          Wolf Management (*Sen. A. Christensen*) (**Rep.** )**

Rep. Christensen explained the bill to the committee assisted by Jim Karpowitz, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources.

Spoke in favor of the bill:    Don Peay, Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife  
   Clark Aposhian, Utah Shooting Sports Council  
   Sterling, Brown, Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau  
   Dennis Wright, Producer of Wildlife

Spoke in opposition to the bill:    Kirk Robinson, Director, Western Wildlife Conservation  
   Allison Jones, Conservation Biologist

Spoke to the bill:    Jim Karpowitz, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources

**MOTION:**    Rep. Draxler moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:**    Rep. Noel moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Mathis adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

