

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

Room C445, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex  
March 2, 2010

**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. Christine Watkins  
Rep. Bill Wright

**Members Absent:** Rep. Brad Dee  
Rep. Phil Riesen  
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

**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 4:17 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

**S.C.R. 7 Concurrent Resolution Approving Solid Waste Facility Classification Change (*Sen. W. Niederhauser*) (Rep. G. Hughes)**

Sen. Niederhauser explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Rob Reynolds, Community Waste Management

**MOTION:** Rep. Barrus moved to pass S.C.R.7 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Wright moved to place S.C.R.7 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously Rep. Gibson, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

**1st Sub. S.B. 51                    Bioprospecting (Sen. L. Hillyard) (Rep. F. Hunsaker)**

Sen. Hillyard explained the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B.51 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Barrus moved to place 1st Substitute S.B.51 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

**H.B. 169            Refinery Amendments (Rep. R. Edwards)**

Rep. Edwards explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Lee Peacock, President , Utah Petroleum Association

Spoke to the bill: Kathy Van Dame, Policy Coordinator, Wasatch Clean Air Coalition

**MOTION:** Rep. Barrus moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

**H.C.R. 17            Concurrent Resolution Opposing the Use of Presidential Power to Create New National Monuments in Utah (Rep. M. Noel)**

**MOTION:** Rep. Noel moved to amend H.C.R.17 as follows:

1. Page 4, Lines 102 through 104:

102 national monument] parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to  
the

103 smallest areas compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be  
protected. .

104 .." ~~{(italics added)}~~ ;

2. *Page 4, Lines 112 through 113:*

112 areas of the San Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa areas, however the highest and best use  
of vast

113 tracts of land in those areas is continued grazing and environmentally sensitive energy and

3. *Page 5, Lines 127 through 128:*

127 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ~~{-by-}~~ that the Legislature of the  
state of Utah, the

128 Governor concurring therein, express their opposition to the presidential creation of any  
large

The motion to amend H.C.R.17 passed unanimously with Rep, Gibson and  
Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Brown moved to amend the amendment as follows:

1. *Page 6, Lines 153 through 158:*

153 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express support  
154 for S 3016, introduced in the United States Senate, which would prohibit the further  
extension

155 or establishment of national monuments in Utah, except by express authorization of  
Congress. =

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express  
strong opposition to presidential or congressional action that would unnecessarily  
restrict and reduce public access to federal lands.**

156 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President  
of

157 the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
United

158 States House of Representatives, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

Rep. Noel explained the bill to the committee, assisted by James Hansen, Former Congressman

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mark Ward, Policy Analyst, Utah Assoc. Counties  
Ted Wilson, Environmentalist, Governor Office

**MOTION:** Rep. Gibson moved to pass H.C.R.17 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**S.B. 149 Utah Forest Practices Act Amendments (*Sen. D. Hinkins*) (Rep. K. Gibson)**

Sen. Hinkins explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mike Eriksson, Stewardship Coordinator, Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Gibson moved to place S.B.149 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gibson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans absent for the vote.

Rep. Mathis adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

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Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair