

MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 19, 2010

415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

Members Present:

Sen. Dennis Stowell, Chair  
Sen. Allen Christensen  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Karen Morgan

Staff Present:

J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Ernest Hayes, Secretary

Public Speakers Present:

Sen. J. S. Adams  
Charles Thronson, attorney with Parsons, Behle and Latimer  
David Williams, attorney with Snow, Christensen and Martineau  
Rep. Gibson  
Sterling Brown, V.P. of Public Policy for the Utah Farm Bureau  
Kimball Rasmussen, C.E.O. and President of Deseret Power  
Bliss Tew, Regional Field Director with the John Birch Society  
Barry Bickmore, Associate Professor at BYU  
Andrew Jorgenson, lecturer at the University of Utah  
James W. Bunger, science researcher at the University of Utah  
Rocky Anderson, Executive Director of High Road for Human  
Rights Advocacy Project  
Rep. Michael E. Noel  
John Sparano, architect  
Drew Thompson, citizen  
Mila Peterson, Executive Director of the Utah Electric Association  
Jason Gardner, citizen  
Derek Snarr, student at the University of Utah  
Gail Hanson, citizen  
Jillian Edmunds, student at Westminster College  
Bob Ferguson, President of the Science and Public Policy Institute

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Stowell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. **Welcome**

Committee Chair Stowell welcomed the committee and visitors.

Sen. Dayton assumed the chair.

Acting Chair Dayton announced that overflow seating would be available in Room 220 of the Senate Building for all those wishing to hear the proceedings from there.

2. **S.B. 145 Medical Malpractice Amendments (J.S. Adams)**

Sen. J.S. Adams introduced the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adopt 1st Substitute S.B. 145.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis absent from the vote.

Charles Thronson, attorney with Parsons, Behle and Latimer, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Williams, attorney with Snow, Christensen and Martineau, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christiansen moved to pass out 1st Sub. SB 145 with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen. Morgan voting in opposition.

3. **H.J.R. 12 Climate Change Joint Resolution (K. Gibson)**

Rep. Gibson introduced the bill.

Sterling Brown, V.P. of Public Policy for the Utah Farm Bureau, assisted in the presentation.

Kimball Rasmussen, C.E.O. and President of Deseret Power, assisted in the presentation.

Bliss Tew, Regional Field Director with the John Birch Society, spoke in favor of the bill.

Barry Bickmore, Associate Professor of Geology at BYU, spoke against the bill.

Andrew Jorgenson, Professor of Sociology at the University of Utah, spoke against the bill.

James W. Bungler, former science researcher at the University of Utah, spoke against the bill.

Rocky Anderson, Executive Director of High Road for Human Rights Advocacy Project, spoke against the bill.

Rep. Michael E. Noel spoke in favor of the bill.

John Sparano, architect, spoke to the bill.

Drew Thompson, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Mila Peterson, Executive Director of the Utah Electric Association, spoke to the bill.

Jason Gardner, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Derek Snarr, student at the University of Utah, spoke against the bill.

Gail Hanson, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Jillian Edmunds, student at Westminster College, spoke against the bill.

Bob Ferguson, President of the Science and Public Policy Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christiansen moved to pass H.J.R. 12 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen. Davis and Sen. Morgan voting in opposition.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Acting Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes reported by Ernest Hayes, Secretary

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Dennis E. Stowell, Committee Chair