

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

Room C445, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex
January 31, 2011

Members Present: Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair
Rep. Stephen Sandstrom, Vice Chair
Rep. Joel Briscoe
Rep. Mel Brown
Rep. Jack Draxler
Rep. Brad Galvez
Rep. Neal Hendrickson
Rep. John Mathis
Rep. Mike Noel
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Ryan Wilcox

Members Absent: Rep. Brad Dee
Rep. Doug Sagers
Rep. Christine Watkins

Staff Present: Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Joanna MacKay, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Sandstrom called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler, Rep. Noel, Rep. Painter and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

S.B. 15 Surety Requirements for Mining (*Sen. D. Stowell*) (Rep. S. Duckworth**)**

Sen. Stowell explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: John Baza, Director, Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining

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

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to place S.B. 15 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 20 Management of Water Rights Amendments (*Sen. D. Stowell*) (Rep. E. Vickers**)**

Sen. Stowell explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Fred Finlinson, Chairman, Utah Water Coalition

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

S.B. 26 Water Law Modifications (Sen. M. Dayton) (Rep. P. Painter)

Rep. Painter explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Boyd Clayton, Utah Division of Water Rights.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Fred Finlinson, Chairman, Utah Water Coalition

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

H.B. 62 Ownership of Subsurface Space for Injection (Rep. R. Barrus)

Rep. Barrus explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Alan Walker, USTAR. A handout was provided titled, "Pore Space Issues".

Spoke to the bill: Kevin Carter, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
Lee Peacock, Utah Petroleum Association
Todd Bingham, Utah Mining Association
Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau
Boyd Clayton, Utah Division of Water Rights
John Baza, Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
Gerald Hasty, Citizen
Richard Maughan, Utah Association of County Recordors
Alita Taylor, South Jordan City Council

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to hold the bill.

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MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to adjourn. The motion passed with Rep. Noel voting in opposition.

Rep. Sandstrom adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.