

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

Friday, January 28, 2011

415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen, Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Sen. Allen Christensen
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Margaret Dayton

Member Absent: Sen. David Hinkins
Sen. Dennis Stowell

Staff Present: J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Cynthia Millar, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Rep. Jack R. Draxler
John Baza, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Steve Schneider, Administrator Coordinator, Division of Oil,
Gas and Mining
Lee Peacock, President, Utah Petroleum Association
Todd Bingham, President, Utah Mining Association
Chris Fildenson, Government Affairs Director, Central Utah
Water

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

Committee Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. H.B. 25, Mineral and Petroleum Literacy (*Rep. J. Draxler*) (Sen. M. Dayton)

Rep. Jack R. Draxler introduced the bill. John Baza, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining; and Steve Schneider, Administrator Coordinator, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, assisted in the presentation.

A visual Presentation was shown.

Lee Peacock, President, Utah Petroleum Association; Todd Bingham, President, Utah Mining Association; and Sen. Ralph Okerlund, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 25, Mineral and Petroleum Literacy, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. H.B. 39, Water Rights Amendments (Rep. J. Draxler) (Sen. R. Okerlund)

Rep. Jack R. Draxler introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to amend HB 39 as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 52

52 (7) Every assignment of an application [~~which shall not be~~] that is not
[[~~recorded~~]] filed as

2. Page 2, Line 55

55 the subsequent assignee's own assignment [~~shall be~~] is first duly
[[~~recorded~~]] filed .

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 39, out favorably, as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. S.C.R. 3, Concurrent Resolution Supporting Continued Federal Funding of the Central Utah Project (Sen. R. Okerlund)

Sen. Dayton assumed the committee chair.

Sen. Okerlund introduced the bill.

Chris Finlinson, Government Affairs Director, Central Utah Water, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to pass S.C.R. 3, Concurrent Resolution Supporting Continued Federal Funding of the Central Utah Project, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Okerlund assumed the committee chair.

Chair Okerlund informed those present that, S.B. 108 Joint Use of Water Infrastructure, would not be heard today.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 2:55p.m.

Minutes reported by Cynthia Millar, Secretary

Ralph Okerlund, Committee Chair