

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND  
ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, February 23, 2011  
415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair  
Sen. Allen Christensen  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. David Hinkins

Member Absent: Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Sen. Dennis Stowell

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

Public Speakers Present: Sen W. Niederhauser  
Max Burdick, Chair, Salt LAke County Council  
Jacki Evans, Research Director, Utah Taxpayers Association  
Spencer Mortensen, Private Citizen  
Rep. R. Barrus  
Kevin Carter, Director, SILTA  
Mike Peterson, Utah Rural Electric Association

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

Committee Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 4:20p.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

**2. S.B. 82, Urban Farming Assessment Act**

Sen. Neiderhauser introduced the bill. Max Burdick assisted with the presentation.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to Amend S.B. 82 as follows:

0. *Page 2, Line 45:*

45 (a) ~~[[over 50% of]]~~ the land to which the phrase applies is being devoted to  
active urban

The motion passed unanimously.

Jacki Evans, Research Director, Utah Taxpayers Association, spoke against the bill.

Spencer Mortensen, Private Citizen, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass S.B. 82, out favorably, as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. **H.B. 88, Agriculture Sustainability Task Force**

Rep. J. Drexler introduced the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to pass H.B. 88, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. **1st Sub. H.B. 51, School and Institutional Trust Lands**

Rep. R. Barrus introduced the bill. Kevin Carter, Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands Association, assisted with the presentation.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to amend 1H.B.51 as follows:

0. *Page 1, Lines 16 through 17:*

16 ▶ exempts the Administration from fee agency provisions for certain fees in  
the Budgetary  
17 Procedures Act;

0. *Page 7, Lines 182 through 183*  
*House Committee Amendments*  
*2-2-2011:*

182           (f) ~~[[The]]~~ (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(f)(ii), the  
administration is not subject to the fee agency requirements of Section  
183    63J-1-504.

(ii) The following fees of the administration are subject to the requirements of  
Section 63J-1-504: application, assignment, amendment, affidavit for lost documents,  
name change, reinstatement, grazing non use, extension of time, partial conveyance,  
patent reissue, collateral assignment, electronic payment, and processing.

0.    Page 29, Lines 865 through 866:

865           (8) ~~[[The]]~~ (a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(b), the School and  
Institutional Trust Lands Administration, established in 53C-1-201,  
866    is exempt from the requirements of this section.

(b) The following fees of the School and Institutional Trust Lands  
Administration are subject to the requirements of this section: application,  
assignment, amendment, affidavit for lost documents, name change, reinstatement,  
grazing non use, extension of time, partial conveyance, patent reissue, collateral  
assignment, electronic payment, and processing.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to move to the next item of business and reschedule  
1H.B. 51, to be heard at a future meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. H.J.R. 21, Selections of Unappropriated Federal Lands Joint Resolution**

Rep. R. Barrus introduced the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.J.R. 21, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. H.J.R. 19, Joint Resolution Opposing the Environmental Protection Agency's Regulation of Greenhouse Gases**

Rep. R. Barrus introduced the bill.

Mike Peterson, Utah Rural Electric Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Mark Ward, Policy Analyst, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.J.R. 19, out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes reported by Cynthia Millar, Secretary

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Sen. Ralph Oakerlund, Committee Chair