

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

415 State Capitol, Utah State Capitol Complex
February 15, 2012

Members Present: Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Sen. Casey Anderson
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Gene Davis

Member Absent: Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. David Hinkins

Staff Present: Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. Wendy Hill, Secretary

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

Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 8:50 am.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 86 Agriculture Protection Amendments (C. Bramble)

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to replace S.B. 86 with 1st Sub. S.B. 86. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Sub. S.B. 86 Agriculture Protection Amendments (C. Bramble)

Sen. Bramble introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke against the bill: Allen C. Christensen, Owner, Christensen Farms
Wayne A. Christensen, Owner, Christensen Farms

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to pass 1st Sub. S.B. 86 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 83 Uintah Basin Energy Zones (K. Van Tassell)

Sen. Van Tassell introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to amend the bill as follows.

1. *Page 13, Lines 373 through 374:*

373 maintain the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section.

= **(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the state's grazing and livestock policies and plans on land within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone shall continue to be governed by Sections 63J-1-104, 63J-4-401, and 63J-8-104.**

374 Section 4. Effective date.

The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke for the bill: Mark Ward, Attorney, Utah Association of Counties
Michael J. McKee, County Commissioner, Uintah County

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

Minutes were reported by Wendy Hill, Secretary

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Committee Chair