

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

Room C445, State Capitol

March 4, 2013

Members Present: Rep. Mike Noel, Chair
Rep. Doug Sagers, Vice Chair
Rep. Roger Barrus
Rep. Joel Briscoe
Rep. Mel Brown
Rep. Kay Christofferson
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Becky Edwards
Rep. Steve Handy
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. John Mathis
Rep. Mike McKell
Rep. Merrill Nelson
Rep. Ryan Wilcox
Rep. Larry Wiley

Members Absent: Rep. Jack Draxler

Staff Present: Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and handouts are filed with committee minutes

Chair Noel called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Wiley moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2013. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus, Rep. Brown, Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Ivory, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Nelson, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 15 **Joint Resolution on State and Political Subdivisions Jurisdiction** (*Rep. M. Roberts*)

Rep. Roberts introduced the resolution to the committee. A handout was provided.

Spoke in favor of the resolution: Mr. Mark Ward, Utah Association of Counties
Mr. Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau

Spoke to the resolution: Mr. Steve Erickson, Utah Audubon Society

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to move to the next item on the agenda.

H.B. 164 State and Political Subdivision Jurisdictional Amendments (Rep. M. Roberts)

Rep. Roberts introduced the bill to the committee. Mr. Mark Ward, Utah Association of Counties, answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Ivory moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Edwards, and Rep. Wiley voting in opposition and Rep. Brown and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 15 Joint Resolution on State and Political Subdivisions Jurisdiction (Rep. M. Roberts)

MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe and Rep. Wiley voting in opposition and Rep. Brown and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

H.B. 365 Swine Amendments (Rep. J. Mathis)

Rep. Mathis introduced the bill to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Owen Garrett, Garrett Hunting Services, and Mr. Mike Richens, Hunting Adventures, LLC.

MOTION: Rep. McKell moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Lines 11 through 13:

11 This bill:

12 ▶ amends provisions prohibiting the release of swine on public or private property
for

13 hunting purposes {~~-~~} ;and

▶ requires the Department of Agriculture and Food to make rules relating to the release of swine on private property for hunting purposes.

2. Page 1, Line 25:

25 (1) (a) A person may not release swine on public [~~or private~~] property for hunting purposes.

(b) A person may release swine on private property for hunting purposes in accordance with department rules made under Subsection (2).

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Nathan Rich, Executive Director, Wasatch Integrated Management District

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed favorably with Rep. Ivory voting in opposition and Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

Chair Noel relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Sagers.

H.B. 382 Escalante Region Grazing Zone (Rep. M. Noel)

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Lines 41 through 44:

41 (5) "Escalante Region Grazing Zone" means BLM ~~{,}~~ and Forest
42 Service ~~{, and SITLA}~~ lands
43 situated in the following townships in Garfield and Kane Counties, as more fully
44 illustrated in
45 the map jointly prepared by the Garfield County and Kane
46 {Counties} County GIS {Department} Departments in February
47 2013,
48 entitled "Escalante Region Grazing Zone":

2. Page 14, Line 423 through Page 15, Line 444:

423 (3) The state finds that:
424 (a) grazing on the lands comprising the Escalante Region Grazing Zone has provided
425 a
426 significant contribution to the history, customs, culture, and values of the area for more
427 than
428 100 years;
429 (b) abundant natural and vegetative resources exist within the Escalante Region
430 Grazing Zone to support and expand continued, responsible grazing activities;
431 (c) grazing and its associated historic resources, its long and dignified human history,
432 its shaping of human endeavors in the American West, its variety of cultural resources,
433 affiliation, type and distribution, its landmarks, structures, and other objects of historic or
434 scientific interest are worthy of and have been recognized for protection by local, state, and
435 federal governments;
436 (d) the highest management priorities for lands within the Escalante Region Grazing

435 Zone are responsible management, enhancement, and development of existing and future
436 grazing resources in order to provide protection for the resources, objects, customs,
culture, and
437 values identified above;
438 (e) responsible development of abundant deposits of energy and mineral resources,
439 including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, and copper,
as
440 well as areas with high wind and solar energy potential, are compatible with grazing
activities
441 in the Escalante Region Grazing Zone; and
442 (f) responsible development of abundant recreation resources, including wildlife,
roads,
443 campgrounds, water resources, trails, OHV use, sightseeing, canyoneering, hunting,
fishing, and hiking are
444 compatible with grazing activities in the Escalante Region Grazing Zone.

3. *Page 15, Lines 445 through 450:*

445 (4) The state supports:
446 (a) efficient and responsible full development ~~{of all permitted existing and~~
future
447 ~~grazing resources in the Escalante Region Grazing Zone; and }~~ , within the
Escalante Region Grazing Zone, of:
(i) all permitted existing and future grazing resources; and
(ii) other uses compatible with grazing activities; and
448 (b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state of Utah, and
449 local governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full
development ~~{of~~
450 ~~all grazing resources within the Escalante Region Grazing Zone. }~~ , within the
Escalante Region Grazing Zone, of:
(i) all grazing resources; and
(ii) other uses compatible with grazing activities.

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe and Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

Rep. Noel introduced the bill to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Mark Ward, Utah Association of Counties.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mr. Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION: Rep. Ivory moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Brown, and Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Brown, and Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Sagers adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Rep. Mike Noel, Chair