

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

Room C445, State Capitol

February 6, 2014

Members Present: Rep. Mike Noel, Chair
Rep. Doug Sagers, Vice Chair
Rep. Roger Barrus
Rep. Joel Briscoe
Rep. Mel Brown
Rep. Kay Christofferson
Rep. Jack Draxler
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

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 2:19 p.m.

Vice Chair Sagers assumed the chair.

H.B. 68 Protection of State Park Resources (*Rep. D. Pitcher*)

Rep. Pitcher explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Jeff Rasmussen, deputy director, Utah State Parks.

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

1. Page 3, Lines 73 through 76:

73 ~~{(c) If an individual has already been convicted of a crime described in~~
Subsection (2);
74 each subsequent conviction shall be punishable as one degree higher than provided in
75 Subsection (3)(b).} =

(c) An individual who is convicted of a subsequent violation described in Subsection (2) shall be punishable for:

(i) a class A misdemeanor for a subsequent violation of Subsections (2)(a) through (e); and

(ii) one degree higher than provided in Subsection (3)(b) for a subsequent violation of Subsections (2)(f) or (g).

76 (d) The amount of damage to the division shall be calculated ~~{by}~~ as the greater of :

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus, Rep. Brown, Rep. Draxler, Rep. Nelson, Rep. Wilcox, and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Ivory moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

H.B. 261 Domestic Horse Disposal (Rep. J. Anderegg)

Rep. Anderegg explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. McKell moved to replace HB261 with 1st Sub. HB261. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards, Rep. Nelson, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

1st Sub. H.B. 261 Domestic Horse Disposal (Rep. J. Anderegg)

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

2. *Page 2, Line 34:*

34 of time after the owner or other person responsible for the animal becomes aware that the animal is dead .

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards, Rep. Nelson, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau

Spoke against the bill: Wyatt Frampton, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to amend the bill as follows:

3. *Page 1, Lines 13 through 15:*

13 property {
14 ~~requires a study of, and report on, the disposal of dead domestic horses; and~~
15 ~~establishes a repeal date~~ } .

4. *Page 1, Lines 23 through 25:*

23 { ~~631-2-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 369~~
24 **ENACTS:**
25 ~~4-31-120, Utah Code Annotated 1953~~ }

5. *Page 2, Line 42 through Page 3, Line 65:*

42 { ~~Section 2. Section 4-31-120 is enacted to read:~~
43 ~~4-31-120. Study -- Disposal of dead horses:~~
44 ~~The College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences at Utah State University shall:~~
45 ~~(1) conduct a study of the disposal of dead domestic horses, including:~~
46 ~~(a) whether domestic horse owners in the state have difficulty disposing of their~~
47 ~~dead~~
48 ~~domestic horses;~~
49 ~~(b) an estimate of:~~
50 ~~(i) the total number of live domestic horses in the state;~~
51 ~~(ii) the current number of live domestic horses that owners need to dispose of in~~
52 ~~the~~
53 ~~state; and~~
54 ~~(iii) the projected number of domestic horses that will annually need to be~~
55 ~~disposed of~~
56 ~~in the state;~~
57 ~~(c) the options for disposal in the state and how those options differ in different~~
58 ~~parts of~~
59 ~~the state;~~
60 ~~(d) the potential economic cost and benefit of establishing dead horse processing~~
61 ~~or~~
62 ~~disposal facilities in the state; and~~

- 58 ~~— (e) the potential environmental impact of disposal on water quality and ways to~~
59 ~~mitigate that impact; and~~
60 ~~— (2) report the findings of the study required under Subsection (1), along with~~
61 ~~any~~
62 ~~recommended legislation, to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment~~
63 ~~Interim~~
64 ~~Committee by November 30, 2015.~~
65 ~~— Section 3. Section 63I-2-204 is amended to read:~~
~~63I-2-204. Repeal dates -- Title 4.~~
~~— Section 4-31-120 is repealed November 30, 2015. }~~

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Nelson, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

The original motion to pass the bill out favorably as amended passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Nelson, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

H.B. 225 Primary Law Enforcement Duties for Sheriffs (Rep. P. Ray)

Rep. Ray explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to substitute HB225 with 1st Sub. HB225. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Brown, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Handy, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Nelson, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

1st Sub. H.B. 225 Primary Law Enforcement Duties for Sheriffs (Rep. P. Ray)

Spoke for the bill: Tyler Cope, citizen

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

Rep. Noel resumed the chair.

H.B. 309 State Veterinarian Amendments (Rep. R. Menlove)

Rep. Menlove explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Wyatt Frampton, citizen

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

6. *Page 2, Lines 38 through 39:*

- 38 (2) The state veterinarian may not ~~{engage}~~ receive compensation for
services provided while engaging in the private practice of veterinary
39 medicine. =
(3) The state veterinarian shall be a veterinarian licensed under Title 58,
Chapter 28, Veterinary Practice Act.

Rep. Barrus moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown, Rep. Draxler, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Sagers, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

H.B. 67 Political Subdivision Jurisdiction Amendments (Rep. M. Roberts)

This bill was not heard.

MOTION: Rep. McKell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown, Rep. Draxler, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Sagers, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

Chair Noel adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.