

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

Room 445, State Capitol

February 3, 2015

Members Present: Rep. Lee B. Perry, Chair
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers, Vice Chair
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Jack R. Draxler
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Steve G. Handy
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Mike K. McKell
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Mike Schultz

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

Vice Chair Sagers called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Noel, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Schultz absent for the vote.

H.B. 132 **Interstate Compact on Transfer of Public Lands Amendments** (*Rep. K. Stratton*)

Rep. Stratton explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Noel, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Perry absent for the vote.

H.B. 159 **Off-highway Husbandry Vehicle Amendments** (*Rep. S. Sandall*)

Rep. Sandall explained the bill to the committee. Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau, answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. McKell moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Perry absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to place H.B. 159 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Perry absent for the vote.

H.B. 140 Sovereign Lands Around Bear Lake (Rep. R. C. Webb)

Rep. Webb explained the bill to the committee. Brian Cottam, State Forester and Director, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, and Dale Stacey, Sheriff, Rich County, answered questions from the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Dan Bradshaw, citizen
Claudia Cottle, Bear Lake Watch, "Thoughts on HB140" and "Bear Lake Annual Maximum and Minimum Elevations From 1915 to Aug 2013" were distributed to the committee
Todd Bingham, citizen
Candace Daly, citizen
Richard Plumb, citizen
David Cottle, Bear Lake Watch
Paul Rasmussen, citizen

Spoke to the bill: Greg Sheehan, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources

Spoke against the bill: John Spuhler, Mayor, Garden City, distributed a letter to the committee
Steve Arnold, Ideal Beach Resort
Robert Gardner, citizen
Darin Pugmire, citizen
Joe Sargetakis, citizen
Sarah Sandberg, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to hold the bill. the motion passed with Rep. Brown, Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Sandall, and Rep. Perry voting in opposition and Rep. McKell and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

H.B. 44 Surface Leases Procedure Amendments (Rep. M. McKell)

This bill was not heard

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H.B. 15 **Clean Fuel Amendments and Rebates** (*Rep. S. Handy*)

This bill was not heard.

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McKell and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Sagers adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Lee B. Perry, Chair