

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

Room 445, State Capitol

February 5, 2016

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. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Mike K. McKell
Rep. Derrin Owens
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Mike Schultz

Members Excused: Rep. Michael E. Noel

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

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

Chair Perry called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

H.B. 126 Unmanned Aircraft Revisions (Rep. K. Powell)

Rep. Powell explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Jason Curry, Public Information Officer, Forestry Fire and State Lands

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe and Rep. Duckworth absent for the vote.

H.B. 144 Food Freedom Act (Rep. M. Roberts)

Chair Perry indicated that the bill sponsor was not present so there would be no formal presentation of the bill. However, due to the large number of people in attendance who wanted to address the committee, he would allow public comment on the bill and committee questions and discussion with the witnesses. He stated that no action would be taken without the sponsor being present. Travis Waller, Director, Division of Regulatory Services, Department of Agriculture and Food, answered questions from the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Liz de Forest, citizen, handout, "Meat and Poultry recalls.txt"
Danny McDowell, citizen
Evan Sanders, citizen, handout, "Please Support HB144"
Leland Geiger, citizen
Stacey Taggart, citizen
Kathleen King, citizen
John Blatnick, citizen
Colleen Dick, citizen

Spoke against the bill:
LuAnn Adams, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food
Royal DeLegge, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department
Maria Nye, citizen
Angela Dunn M.D., Department of Health, handout, "Utah Department of Health Position on HB 144 - The Food Freedom Act"
Tyson Roberts, Roberts Family Farms
Douglas Rowley, Cherry Hill Farms
Russel Kohler, Canyon View Farms
Alan Riley, Riley Farms

Committee discussion followed. Chair Perry indicated that he would place the bill on the agenda again if ten or more members of the committee asked that the bill be rescheduled.

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown and Rep. Schultz absent for the vote.

Chair Perry adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Rep. Lee B. Perry, Chair