

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

Room 445, State Capitol  
February 19, 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. Michael E. Noel  
Rep. Derrin Owens

**Members Excused:** Rep. Scott D. Sandall  
Rep. Mike Schultz

**Members Absent:** Rep. Kraig Powell

**Staff Present:** J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
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 8:04 a.m. Mr. Allred noted the presence of four large cowboy hats in the room.

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2016 and February 17, 2016 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Handy, and Rep. McKell absent for the vote.

**H.B. 270      Constitutional Defense Restricted Account Amendments (*Rep. M. Noel*)**

Rep. Noel explained the bill to the committee.

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

**H.B. 276      Utah Public Land Management Act (*Rep. M. Noel*)**

Rep. Noel explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Leland Pollock, Garfield County Commission  
Matt Anderson, Coalition for Self-Government in the West  
Randy Parker, CEO, Utah Farm Bureau  
Redge Johnson, citizen

**MOTION:** Rep. Noel moved to replace H.B. 276 with 1st Sub. H.B. 276. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McKell absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 276 out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe voting in opposition and Rep. McKell absent for the vote.

**H.C.R. 11 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging the Repayment of Funds Used to Keep National Parks, Monuments, and Recreation Areas Open (Rep. K. Ivory)**

Rep. Ivory explained the resolution to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Chew moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McKell and Rep. Noel absent for the vote.

**S.B. 75 Water Rights Adjudication Amendments (Sen. M. Dayton)**

Sen. Dayton explained the bill and provided "Resolving Conflict/Securing a Future" to the committee. Blake Bingham, Adjudication Program Manager, Division of Water Rights, and Ben Jensen, Attorney Generals Office, answered questions from the committee.

Spoke for the bill: John Mabey, Executive Water Task Force  
Kent Jones, State Engineer

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

**S.C.R. 4 Concurrent Resolution - Old Spanish Trail Designation (Sen. R. Okerlund)**

Sen. Okerlund explained the resolution to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Brown moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McKell and Rep. Noel absent for the vote.

**H.C.R. 8      Concurrent Resolution on the Bonneville Salt Flats International Speedway  
(Rep. S. Handy)**

Rep. Handy explained the resolution to the committee with the assistance of Michael Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, and Dennis Sullivan, Utah Salt Flats Racing Association (USFRA). "The Utah Alliance Racing to Save the Salt Flats" and a letter from Andrew Rupke, Utah Geological Survey, were provided to the committee.

Spoke for the resolution:      Larry Volk, Save the Salt and USFRA  
   Robert Rampton, Save the Salt and USFRA  
   Ronald Christensen, USFRA and Utah Alliance  
   Lloyd Perry, USFRA

**MOTION:**      Rep. Brown moved to replace H.C.R. 8 with 1st Sub. H.C.R. 8. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hawkes, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Owens absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**      Rep. McKell moved to pass 1st Sub. H.C.R. 8 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hawkes, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Owens absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**      Rep. McKell moved to place 1st Sub. H.C.R. 8 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hawkes, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Owens absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hawkes, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Owens absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Sagers adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.