

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

Room 445, State Capitol

March 1, 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 8:02 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 and February 26, 2016 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

1st Sub. S.B. 110 Water Quality Amendments (*Sen. D. Hinkins*)

Sen. Hinkins explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Leland Myers, Central Davis Sewer District. Questions from the committee were answered by Fred Finlinson, representing several sewer districts.

Spoke for the bill: Cameron Diehl, Utah League of Cities and Towns

Spoke against the bill: Steve Glaser, citizen

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

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. McKell moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe and Rep. Duckworth voting in opposition and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

S.B. 134 Oil and Gas Conservation Account Amendments (Sen. R. Okerlund)

Sen. Okerlund explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Ruland Gill, Chair, Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. Questions from the committee were answered by John Baza, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Spoke for the bill: Lee Peacock, Utah Petroleum Association

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 315 Bee Keeping Amendments (Rep. K. McIff)

Rep. McIff explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Dr. Jerry Bromenshenk, University of Montana. Rep. McIff invited the following to speak in support of the bill: Gaylon Yack, Yack Brothers Honey; Douglas Hawkes, beekeeper; Denise Hunsaker, citizen; and James Anderson, Honeyville Honey.

Rep. Chew declared a possible conflict of interest.

Spoke against the bill: Jerry Stoddard, citizen
Randy Anderson, citizen
Alex Grover, citizen
Daniel Brown, Bee Honey

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

H.B. 65 Exemption from Daylight Saving Time (Rep. F. Cox)

Rep. Cox explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke against the bill: Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION: Rep. McKell moved to replace H.B. 65 with 1st Sub. H.B. 65. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Handy, and Rep. Schultz absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Sandall moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 65 out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Brown, Rep. McKell, Rep. Perry, and Rep. Sandall voting in favor and Rep. Schultz absent for the vote.

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

Chair Perry adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Lee B. Perry, Chair