

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

Room 415, Utah State Capitol
February 28, 2014

Members Present: Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Ralph Okerlund

Members Absent: Sen. Evan Vickers

Staff Present: Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

NOTE: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Dabakis moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins, Sen. Knudson, and Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

S.B. 237 Urban Farming Amendments (*Sen. J.S. Adams*)

Sen. Adams explained the bill to the committee:

Spoke to the bill: Sterling Brown, Vice President, Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau Federation
Redge Johnson, Citizen

Spoke for the bill: Julie Peck Dabling, Urban Farming, Salt Lake County
Paula and Joseph Sargetakis, Owners, Frog Bench Farms

Spoke against the bill: Royce Van Tassell, Vice President, Utah Taxpayers Association

Sen. Christensen assumed the Chair.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Hinkins voting in opposition and Sen. Jenkins absent for the vote.

S.B. 242 Alternative Energy Amendments (*Sen. J.S. Adams*)

Sen. Adams explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Jeff Hartley, Energy Interests

Spoke for the bill: Jeff Peterson, Government Relations Director, Washaki Renewable Energy Biofuels
Collin Dunken, Manager, Ormat Technologies

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jenkins absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jenkins absent for the vote.

S. B. 243 Air Quality Programs (J.S. Adams)

Sen. Adams explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 3, Line 65:*

65 (i) an individual, appointed by the governor, who is an employee of {a} an electrical corporation, as

2. *Page 4, Line 91:*

91 (f) "Program utility" means one of the following with {fewer than} 50 or more customers:

3. *Page 4, Lines 103 through 105:*

103 (i) agree to collect the charge by majority vote of the governing body;

104 (ii) at least {45} 60 days before collecting a charge, provide notice to a program utility from

105 which a charge will be collected that the alternative fuel vehicle interlocal entity intends to

The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke to the bill: Carl Albrecht, Commissioner, Airport/Airpark Commission, Municipal Utilities Commission
Brad Shaffer, Rocky Mountain Power

Spoke against the bill: Gary Hill, City Manager, Bountiful, Utah
Kevin Garlick, Resource Manager, Utah Municipal Power Agency
Claire Geddes, Consumer Advocate
Michelle Beck, Director, Office of Consumer Service

Kelly Francone, Executive Director, Utah Association of Energy
Users
Tim Funk, Project Director, Crossroads Urban Center

Spoke for the bill: Jeff Edward, President, Economic Development Corporation Utah
Zack Wester, Public Policy, Blu. LNG (Liquefying Natural Gas)
Rey Butcher, Vice President, Questar,

Sen. Jenkins resumed to Chair.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Christensen voting in opposition.

H.B. 31 Pollution Control Amendments (*R. Wilcox*)

Rep. Wilcox explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 341 Federal Land Acquisition Amendments (*M. Noel*)

Rep. Noel explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Dabakis voting in opposition.

2nd Sub. H.B. 38 Resource Stewardship Amendments (*P. Arent*)

Rep. Arent explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Jeff Edwards, President, Economic Development Corporation of Utah

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 2, Line 51*

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(4) Each agency will retain absolute discretion whether or not to incorporate any of the practices or measures suggested by the coordinator.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Dabakis moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair