



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 | 4:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Derrin R. Owens, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Keven J. Stratton

Members Absent:

Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Julie Humberstone, Managing Policy Analyst
Carter Rojecki, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 4:13 PM.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of February 18th, 2025. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

1. S.B. 276 Utah Horse Racing Commission Amendments (McKell, M.)

Sen. Michael McKell introduced the bill.

Leann Hunting, Executive Director, Utah Horse Racing Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass S.B. 276 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

2. H.B. 115 State Park Funding Amendments (Brooks, W.)

Rep. Walt Brooks introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.B. 115 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

3. H.B. 174 Water Rights Restricted Account (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Carl Albrecht introduced the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.B. 174 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to place H.B. 174 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

4. 1st Sub. H.B. 194 Beekeeping and Veterinary Amendments (Defay, A.)

Rep. Ariel Defay introduced the bill.

Amanda Price, State Veterinarian, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 194 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 194 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

5. H.B. 251 Pollinator Program Amendments (Matthews, A.)

Rep. Ashlee Matthews introduced the bill, with the assistance of Jim Bowcutt, including a handout and a presentation.

[HB 251 Presentation](#)

[HB251 Handout \(Booklet\)](#)

Eve Davies, Principal Scientist, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sierra Hastings, Communications Specialist, Sageland Collaborative, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kael Weston, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.B. 251 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.