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Memorial Day

Today, on this Memorial Day, we are once again reminded of the great sacrifices made throughout the history of our nation that have allowed us to live as we do – in freedom and prosperity. The blessing of freedom is granted through the sacrifices of those who have served with honor and devotion. We are forever grateful to our service members and their families, and express to them our deepest gratitude.

America the Beautiful

*Oh, beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!*

*America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.*

*Oh, beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!*

*America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.*



Secretary Ryan Zinke Visits Utah

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke visited Utah for a four-day listening tour regarding Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments. The visit was part of an effort to provide local communities a voice in federal land management decisions.

During Secretary Zinke's visit, he met with federal, state, local and tribal leaders, community members, and residents. While touring Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument and the recently designated Bears Ears National Monument, he was able to listen to the concerns and ideas of various groups and community members.

President Trump recently tasked Secretary Zinke with a review of the national monument designations under the Antiquities Act over the past two decades. The intent of the Antiquities Act was to set aside the smallest area necessary to protect significant archaeological or historical sites, yet it has been used in recent years to lock up vast swathes of land with little or no archaeological or historical value.

Though there are differing opinions about how to best manage public lands, one thing all sides can agree on is that there is a need to protect these historic and culturally significant sites. The question is one of what ought to be done with the millions of acres that do not contain important artifacts or history, yet are locked up in monument designations.

During the tour of Bears Ears, representatives were able to witness a search and rescue operation for a sweet dog named Badger that had been stuck at the bottom of a cliff for days. See pictures [here](#).



Clean Air Legislation

One of the top concerns of many of our constituents is the quality of Utah's air. Lawmakers, stakeholders and community members continue to take positive steps to reduce air pollution across the state.

On May 16, members of the Utah Legislature joined Governor Gary Herbert at Ensign Elementary School for a ceremonial bill signing of nine pieces of legislation that passed the 2017 session. During the event, it was also announced that Utah would receive an additional \$7.5 million from the Volkswagen settlement to replace approximately 100 diesel school buses with natural gas buses.

Members of the Utah Legislature have engaged in a significant bipartisan effort to improve air quality, and we remain dedicated to working together to continue to find innovative solutions.

Legislation:

- HCR 5, *Concurrent Resolution on Clean Fuel School Buses*, supports the dedication of a portion of the state funds from the Volkswagen settlement to replace many of our dirty diesel school buses with clean fuel buses.
- HCR 8, *Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Volkswagen Settlement*, helps establish the framework necessary for Utah to receive its share of the funds from the Volkswagen lawsuit settlement.
- HCR 18, *Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Utahns to Consider Smog Rating When Purchasing a Vehicle*, encourages citizens purchasing a vehicle to consider smog rating and other environmental impacts.
- HB 96, *Petroleum Vapor Recovery Amendments*, creates a requirement for operators of gasoline cargo trucks to prevent the release of petroleum vapors into the air.

Legislation cont.:

- HB 183, *Emissions Settlement Amendments*, establishes the Environmental Mitigation and Response Act, including establishing an expendable special revenue fund administered by the director of the Department of Environmental Quality.
- HB 392, *Air Quality Policy Advisory Board*, establishes the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board to identify legislative actions to improve air quality, identify and prioritize potential legislation and funding to improve air quality and make recommendations to the Legislature on improving air quality in the state.
- HB 405, *Hydrogen Fuel Production Incentives*, provides potential incentives for the production of hydrogen fuel.
- SB 24, *Heavy Duty Tax Credit Amendments*, extends the heavy duty vehicle tax credit to include heavy duty vehicles with hydrogen-electric and electric drivetrains.
- SB 154, *Solar Access Amendments*, prohibits community associations from denying owners the ability to install solar systems under certain circumstances, while still allowing restrictions of size, location or manner of placement of such systems in certain circumstances.

Recap

Salt Lake Chamber Business Champion

At a recent event, Representative Dunnigan was named a Business Champion by the Salt Lake Chamber, Utah's Business Leader. This award recognizes legislators who vote for policies that are pro-business.

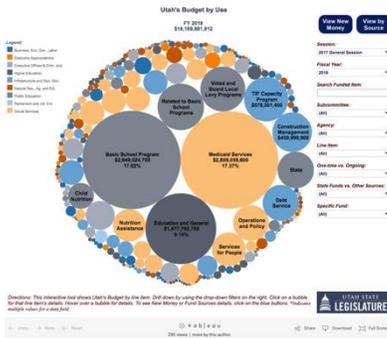
During the general session, the chamber communicates its priority votes to legislators, focusing on bills that will benefit the business community, including job creation. "Lawmakers understand that there is real influence behind these votes [and] that the business community is behind them," said Abby Osborne, the chamber's vice president of government relations.

See more pictures of the event here.



Budget Tools

Our legislative fiscal analysts are constantly searching for new and better ways to illustrate the state budget and offer some perspective for citizens. Check out one of the new tools at [Utah Budget Dataviz](#) to see where new money went, filter by subcommittees, search a particular item or view previous years. These are just a few of the ways you can break down and view the copious amounts of data that go in to making up the Utah State budget.



Utah Law Enforcement Memorial

Law enforcement officers from across the state solemnly gathered at the annual memorial service outside the Capitol to add the names of three fallen officers to the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial on Thursday, May 4.

The ceremony honored two officers killed in the line of duty in 2016, Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Eric Ellsworth and West Valley Police Officer Cody Brotherson, and Salt Lake Special Officer Rollin R. Tanner, who died in 1927.

The Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Wall has 142 names.



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Along with 3 other legislators, Representative Dunnigan went 1500 feet underground and then back 6 miles to view an active coal mine operation, Skyline Mine.

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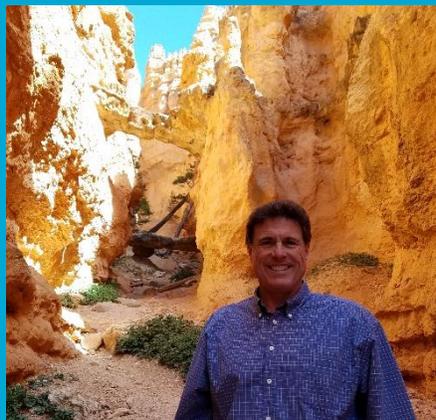
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Appropriations Subcommittees



Last month Representative Dunnigan was able to spend time learning about Utah's tourism industry in southern Utah, including Bryce Canyon.

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Interim Committees