

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on January 10, 2003 at 2:30 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Brad Newman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 43, 12/03/02; HB 83, /03;
HB 102, /03

Executive Action: HB 43, DO PASS, 18-0
HB 83, DO PASS, 18-0
HB 85, TABLED
HB 89, DO PASS, 11-7
HB 102, DO PASS, 18-0

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 85

Motion: 2:35 p.m. REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 85 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: 2:35 p.m. REP. NEWMAN moved that HB 85 BE TABLED.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 89

Motion: 2:38 p.m. REP. BARRETT moved that HB 89 DO PASS.

2:38 p.m. Rep. Erickson

2:39 p.m. Rep. Lange

2:39 p.m. Rep. Lambert

2:39 p.m. Rep. Peterson

2:41 p.m. Rep. Ross

2:42 p.m. Rep. Newman

2:44 p.m. Rep. Malcolm

2:45 p.m. Rep. Harris

2:46 p.m. Rep. Lange

2:47 p.m. Rep. Younkin

2:54 p.m. Rep. Cohenour

Motion/Vote: 2:55 p.m. REP. ROSS moved that HB 89 BE TABLED.
Motion failed 9-9 with REPS. GUTSCHE, CYR, DICKENSON, ERICKSON,
EVERETT, GILLAN, NEWMAN, ROSS, and SMALL-EASTMAN voting aye by
roll call vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved HB 89 DO PASS. Motion passed 11-7 with REPS. CYR, DICKENSON, ERICKSON, GILLAN, GUTSCHE, NEWMAN, and SMALL-EASTMAN voting no by roll call vote.

HEARING ON HB 43

Sponsor: REP. COHENOUR, HD 51, EAST HELENA

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

2:54 p.m. Rep. Cohenour

Proponents' Testimony:

2:56 Don Vidrine, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
EXHIBIT (nah05a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

3:04 p.m. Rep. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 102

Sponsor: REP. COHENOUR, HD 51, EAST HELENA, MONTANA

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:05 p.m. Rep. Cohenour

Proponents' Testimony:

3:05 p.m. Tom Livers, Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

3:06 p.m. REP. COHENOUR

HEARING ON HB 83

Sponsor: REP. PETERSON, HD 95, BUFFALO, MONTANA

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:07 p.m. Rep. Peterson

Proponents' Testimony:

3:11 p.m. Jack Stoltz, DEQ

EXHIBIT (nah05a02)

3:14 p.m. Thomas W. Patton, Groundwater Assessment Program

EXHIBIT (nah05a03)

3:18 p.m. Pat Burne, Chairman, BWWC

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:20 p.m. Rep. Lambert

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Closing by Sponsor:

3:23 p.m. REP. PETERSON

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 83

Motion/Vote: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 83 DO PASS. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 102

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that HB 102 DO PASS. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 43

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that HB 43 DO PASS. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nah05aad)