

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on January 29, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)

Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary  
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committees:** This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 244, 1/24/2003; SB 245,  
1/24/2003  
Executive Action: SB 130

**HEARING ON SB 244**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. BOB STORY, SD 12, Park City, opened on SB 244; to revise a day-use permit for persons paying maintenance on a state reservoir.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

3:05pm Carl DeVries, Rock Creek Water User's Association

3:06pm Mike Murphy, MT. Water Resources Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

3:07pm Doug Monger, Administrator, Parks Division, MT. Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks **EXHIBIT (nas19a01)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

3:13pm Begin

3:15pm End

2 min Elapsed time

**Closing by Sponsor:**

3:15pm SEN. STORY closed on SB 244. **NOTE:** There was a short discussion regarding the proposed amendments.

**HEARING ON SB 245**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. JOHN BOHLINGER, SD 7, Billings, opened on SB 245; an act to require sulphur dioxide emission control.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

3:27pm Sherm Janke, representing himself

3:32pm Dick Paulsen, Director, American Lung Association of the Northern Rockies **EXHIBIT (nas19a02)**

3:35pm Cathy McGowan, on behalf of the American Cancer Society

3:35pm Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

**EXHIBIT (nas19a03) EXHIBIT (nas19a04) EXHIBIT (nas19a05) EXHIBIT (nas19a06) EXHIBIT (nas19a07)**

**EXHIBIT (nas19a08) EXHIBIT (nas19a09) EXHIBIT (nas19a10) EXHIBIT (nas19a11) and EXHIBIT (nas19a12)**

3:40pm Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information Center

3:42pm Sandy Weiss, Yellowstone County resident

3:41pm Janet Ellis, MT. Audubon and Yellowstone County Audubon

3:42pm Denise Barber, representing herself

**Note:** Written testimony submitted by John Bohlinger, on behalf of Eileen Morris, Billings resident. **EXHIBIT (nas19a13)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

3:47pm Gail Abercrombie, MT. Petroleum Association

**EXHIBIT (nas19a14)**

3:50pm Leland Griffin, MT. Refining Company

3:53pm David De Bats, Exxon-Mobil Billings Refinery

3:57pm Don Allen, on behalf of Cenex Refinery, Billings

4:02pm Steve Wade, Conoco/Phillips

4:02pm Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

4:05pm Jan Sensibaugh, Director, MT. Dept. Of Environmental Quality(EQC) **EXHIBIT (nas19a15)**

4:10pm David Mosdal, Montana Sulphur and Chemical

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

4:19pm Begin

4:47pm End

47 min Elapsed time

**Closing by Sponsor:**

4:52pm **SEN. BOHLINGER** closed on **SB 245**.

**Discussion:**

4:53pm **SEN. MCGEE** discussed the grey bill related to **SB 130**.

**EXHIBIT (nas19a16)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:56 P.M.

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SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

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ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nas19aad)**