

House Federal Relation, Energy and Telecommunication

Honorable members of the committee.

As a mineral owner in Blaine County, I feel it is my responsibility to testify in favor of HB43. Presently the producers prefer to omit or otherwise confuse the charges levied against our royalty checks. This is particularly done with taxes. These are placed in one block with no explanation as to "what when where." As there are several taxes to be paid, we as the recipients of the royalty monies against which the taxes are levied, are certainly entitled to a complete explanation of the charges. Whenever we approach any of several producers, we are met with a myriad of excuses why we can't have this information. Such as, 1) The information is in the archives. 2) They don't have time to look it up. 3) We are making an unreasonable request. 4) They are not required to furnish us this information.

John Muscrove's bill HB43, if passed, will be of tremendous assistance in remedying the current situation in reporting oil and gas royalty revenue.