

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM PETERSON**, on January 12, 2005 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

00:00:01

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Peterson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Christopher Harris, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 78, 1/7/2005; HB 201, 1/7/2005
Executive Action: HB 201, 1/7/2005

HEARING ON HB 201

00:04:38 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**
REP. RICK RIPLEY (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on
HB 201: Fund natural resource damage litigation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:51 **DAN VILLA (D), HD 86 Anaconda**

EXHIBIT (nah08a01)

EXHIBIT (nah08a02)

EXHIBIT (nah08a03)

00:11:43 Mike McGrath, Attorney General, State of Montana

00:22:31 John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:25:08 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

00:25:39 Sandi Olsen, Remediation Division Administrator,
Department of Environmental Quality

EXHIBIT (nah08a04)

00:26:42 Jim Flynn, resident of Anaconda, Montana

EXHIBIT (nah08a05)

00:28:17 Joe Hovenkotter, Staff Attorney, Confederated
Salish & Kootenai Tribes

EXHIBIT (nah08a06)

00:31:07 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Fish,
Wildlife & Parks

00:32:26 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information
Center

00:33:00 **REP. GAIL GUTSCHE**

00:33:18 **REP. KEVIN FUREY**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:38 **REP. HARRIS**

00:37:09 **REP. ROSS**

00:39:52 **REP. BARRETT**

00:41:20 **Closing by Sponsor:** **REP. RICK RIPLEY (R), HD 17**,
closed the hearing on HB 201.

HEARING ON HB 78

00:43:13 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** **REP. CHRISTOPHER
HARRIS (D), HD 66**, opened the hearing on HB 78;
Revise permitting of underground storage tanks.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:04 Edward A. Thamke, Bureau Chief, Montana Department
of Environmental Quality

EXHIBIT (nah08a07)

EXHIBIT (nah08a08)

00:50:18 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers

Opponents' Testimony:

00:51:46 David Scrimm

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:18 **REP. BROWN**

00:57:41 **REP. MAEDJE**

00:58:25 **REP. GUTSCHE**

01:03:18 **CHAIRMAN PETERSON**

01:06:32 **Closing by Sponsor: CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD
66, closed the hearing on HB 78.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 201

01:10:22 **Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that HB201 DO
PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

01:11:26 BREAK

01:20:03 RESUME

No further business brought before committee.

ADJOURNMENT

01:20:56

Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah08aad0.PDF](#))