

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM PETERSON**, on January 14, 2005 at 4:30 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

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. 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: None.

Members Absent:

Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 185, 1/11/2005
Executive Action: HB 147, HB 185 (postponed)

HEARING ON HB 185

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40

REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 185, Authorize joint state-federal holding of reclamation bonds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:57 Warren McCullough, Chief of the Department of Environmental Quality's Environmental Management Bureau

EXHIBIT (nah10a01)

00:08:10 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Golden Sunlight Mine

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:58 REP. EVERETT

00:09:56 REP. DICKENSON

00:10:32 REP. ROSS

00:12:27 REP. MAEDJE

00:13:28 REP. BARRETT

00:16:03 REP. MAEDJE

00:17:34 REP. BROWN

00:19:34 REP. GUTSCHE

00:21:23 REP. CLARK

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:12

REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, closed the hearing on HB 185.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147

00:26:08

Motion: REP. BROWN moved that HB 147 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:27:02 REP. CLARK

EXHIBIT (nah10a02)

00:28:58

Motion/Vote: REP. CLARK moved that HB 147 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

00:29:23

Motion/Vote: REP. CLARK moved that HB 147 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185

00:31:22

Motion: REP. HARRIS moved that HB 185 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:31:55 REP. MAEDJE
00:32:54 REP. HARRIS
00:34:14 REP. BARRETT
00:35:14 REP. FUREY
00:36:41 REP. ROSS
00:37:19 REP. BROWN
00:37:50 CHAIRMAN HARRIS

00:38:42

Motion: REP. HARRIS moved that action on HB 185 BE INDEFINITELY
POSTPONED.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

00:39:01

REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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