

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

00:00:01

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on March 18, 2005 at
3:30 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Glenn Roush, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)
Sen. Mike Wheat (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

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: SJ 29 3/11/2005; HB 453 3/11/2005;
HJ 9, 3/11/2005; 3/11/2005
Executive Action: SJ 29, HB 206,
HB 361 (started; motion withdrawn)

HEARING ON SJ 29

00:01:00

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SJ 29, Designate miner's day.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:00 Angela Janacarro, Montana Miners' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:03:34

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:00

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 29

00:06:54

Motion: SEN. WHEAT moved that SJ 29 DO PASS.

00:06:54

Discussion:

00:07:53

Motion/Vote: SEN. WHEAT moved that SB 29 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. TOOLE voted by Proxy.

HEARING ON HB 453

00:07:45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. KEVIN FUREY (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 453, Administrative penalties for certain environmental law violations.

EXHIBIT (nas60a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:06 John Arrigo, Department of Environmental Quality
(DEQ)

EXHIBIT (nas60a02)

00:16:39 Don Allen, Lobbyist for Western Environmental
Trade Association (WETA), and Montana Farm Bureau

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:58 Bob Gilbert, Lobbyist for Montana Automobile
Dismantling and Recyclers Association

Informational Testimony: None.

00:27:15

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:35 Darrell Stanky, DEQ Junk Vehicle Program

01:06:40

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HJ 9

01:15:08

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DEBBY BARRETT (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HJ 9, Study
wilderness set asides.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:00 Ellen Engsted, Montana Wood Products Association

01:22:28 Ed Melcher, Families for Outdoor Recreation

EXHIBIT (nas60a03)

01:25:35 Edward R. Fox, on behalf of self

EXHIBIT (nas60a04)

01:29:00 REP. DIANE RICE, HD 71, HARRISON

01:29:50 Carol Ryman, on behalf of self

01:32:37 Don Allen, Lobbyist for WETA, and on behalf of
Montana Farm Bureau

01:36:23 SEN. AUBYN CURTISS, SD 1, FORTINE
01:38:54 Jay Bodner, Montana Public Lands Council and
Montana Stockgrower's Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:40:08 The Honorable Pat Williams, United States Congressman
01:50:02 Tim Baker, Executive Director, Montana Wilderness
Association (MWA)

[EXHIBIT](#) (nas60a05)

01:50:33 REP. ART NOONAN, HD 73, BUTTE

Informational Testimony:

[EXHIBIT](#) (nas60a06)

02:01:50

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:14:50

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 206

02:24:39

Motion: SEN. WHEAT moved that HB 206 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

02:30:14

Motion/Vote: SEN. WHEAT moved that HB 206 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. CURTISS and SEN. TASH voting no. SEN. HARRINGTON and SEN. TOOLE voted by Proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 361

02:31:27

Motion: SEN. LIND moved that HB 361 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

02:33:24 Motion withdrawn

02:33:24

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GR/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas60aad0.PDF](#))