

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on April 1, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Jon Tester (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, 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: HB 482, 3/29/2005; HB 440,  
3/29/2005  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:31 Break.  
00:05:02 Resume.

**HEARING ON HB 482**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. MONICA LINDEEN (D), HD 43**, opened the hearing on **HB 482**,  
Revise allocation of funds to coal tax shared account.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:54 Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union  
00:07:07 Mr. Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County  
00:08:12 Mr. Steve Snezek, Montana Grain Growers  
00:08:44 Mr. Jim Smith, Montana Library Association  
00:09:49 Ms. Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
00:10:11 Mr. Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic  
Development Association  
00:10:52 Ms. Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of  
Conservation Districts

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00:11:59 Mr. Mike Wendland, Dryland Farmer

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

00:13:28

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:50

**HEARING ON HB 440**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. BRADY WISEMAN (D), HD 65**, opened the hearing on **HB 440**,  
Require locks on anhydrous ammonia storage tanks.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:38 Ms. Pam Langley, Montana Agricultural Business  
Association

00:25:08           **Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union,  
Montana Landlord Association**

00:26:56           **Mr. Steve Snezek, Montana Grain Growers  
Association**

00:27:16           **Mr. Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers  
Association**

00:29:33           **Mr. Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chiefs of  
Police**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:32:17

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:36

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**SEN. SMITH** will carry **HB 440** on the Senate Floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

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SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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