

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Kelly Gebhardt, on March 25, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kelly Gebhardt, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, 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 425, 3/23/2009

Executive Action:

00:03:20 Sen. Steinbeisser came to the committee.
00:09:36 Sen. Peterson came to the committee.
00:17:25 Chairman Gebhardt

Sen. Perry, Sen. Curtiss and Sen. Wanzenried left the committee before HB 425.

HEARING ON HB 425

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:36 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 425, Public notice for oil/gas leases on state land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:53 Corey Fisher, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
00:29:32 Pat Dowd, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
00:31:55 Joe Lamson, Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:35:28 Canon Luerkens, on behalf of Secretary of State, Linda McCullough

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:54 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:25 Sen. Kaufmann
00:40:51 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:42:13 Sen. Kaufmann
00:42:32 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:42:37 Sen. Kaufmann
00:43:11 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:45:16 Sen. Tropila left the committee.
00:45:42 Sen. Peterson
00:46:02 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:47:28 Sen. Peterson
00:47:53 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:48:41 Chairman Gebhardt
00:48:57 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:49:08 Chairman Gebhardt
00:49:30 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:49:43 Chairman Gebhardt
00:50:46 Sen. Wanzenried came to the committee.
00:50:50 Mr. Lamson, DNRC
00:50:55 Chairman Gebhardt
00:50:56 Mr. Lamson, DNRC
00:51:54 Sen. Peterson left the committee.
00:52:47 Chairman Gebhardt
00:53:00 Mr. Lamson, DNRC
00:53:04 Chairman Gebhardt
00:53:12 Mr. Lamson, DNRC
00:53:27 Chairman Gebhardt
00:53:37 Mr. Lamson, DNRC
00:53:39 Chairman Gebhardt
00:53:41 Mr. Lamson, DNRC
00:53:49 Chairman Gebhardt
00:53:53 Sen. Hansen
00:54:14 Rep. Pomnichowski

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:48 Rep. Pomnichowski

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

Lindsey Hern, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([nas66aad.pdf](#))