

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM PETERSON**, on January 17, 2005 at
3:00 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. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent:

Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)

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 143, 1/11/2005; HB 144,
1/11/2005; HB 178, 1/11/2005
Executive Action: HB 144; HB 178; HB 77

HEARING ON HB 144

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:23 REP. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN (D), HD 81, opened the
hearing on HB 144, Revise integrated waste
management act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:27 Art Compton, Department of Environmental Quality
[EXHIBIT \(nah12a01\)](#)
00:10:06 L. Harold Blattie, Assistant Director, Montana
Association of Counties
00:10:34 William Selser, Lewis & Clark County Waste
Management Business, Retired Previous member of
Solid Waste Task Force

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:30 REP. JOPEK
00:13:57 REP. BROWN
00:19:27 REP. LAMBERT
00:20:43 REP. HARRIS
00:23:04 REP. HEINERT
00:26:21 REP. MAEDJE

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:15 REP. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN (D), HD 81, closed the
hearing on HB 144.

HEARING ON HB 178

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:19 REP. JANNA TAYLOR (R), HD 11, opened the hearing
on HB 178, Revise water use act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:01 Jack Stults, Administrator, Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation, Water Resources
Division
[EXHIBIT \(nah12a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:35 REP. BROWN
00:46:03 REP. EVERETT
00:46:38 REP. LAMBERT
00:48:28 REP. HARRIS
00:50:13 CHAIRMAN PETERSON

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:57 REP. JANNA TAYLOR (R), HD 11, closed the hearing
 on HB 178.

HEARING ON HB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:39 REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, opened the hearing on
 HB 143, Authorize interim bonding for metal mine
 reclamation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:46 Warren McCullough, Chief of the Department of
 Environmental Quality's Environmental Management
 Bureau

[EXHIBIT \(nah12a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(nah12a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:01:14 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information
 Center

[EXHIBIT \(nah12a05\)](#)

01:08:00 Michele Reinhart, Northern Plains Resource Council

01:09:01 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Golden Sunlight Mine, Inc.

[EXHIBIT \(nah12a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:21 REP. JOPEK
01:19:30 REP. GUTSCHE
01:21:21 REP. EVERETT
01:24:35 REP. ROSS
01:26:41 REP. LAMBERT
01:28:11 CHAIRMAN PETERSON

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:28 **REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13**, closed the hearing on
 HB 143.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 144

01:35:23 **Motion:** **REP. HARRIS** moved that HB 144 BE AMENDED.

01:38:12 **Discussion:**
 REP. CLARK

01:38:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with **REP.**
 BARRETT voting no.

01:39:24 **Motion/Vote:** **REP. BARRETT** moved that HB 144 DO
 PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote
 with **REP. EVERETT** voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 178

01:40:45 **Motion:** **REP. MAEDJE** moved that HB 178 DO PASS.

Discussion:
01:41:01 **REP. BROWN**
01:42:02 **REP. MAEDJE**
01:43:14 JACK STULTS, Department of Natural Resources

01:43:31 **Vote:** Motion that HB 178 DO PASS carried
 unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 77

01:45:40 **Motion:** **REP. LAMBERT** moved that HB 77 DO PASS.

Discussion:
01:46:49 **REP. HARRIS**
01:47:07 **REP. CLARK**
01:48:40 Edward A. Thamke, Department of Environmental
 Quality

EXHIBIT (nah12a07)

01:50:40 **REP. BROWN**
01:51:48 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division
01:53:04 **REP. BARRETT**

01:54:26 **Motion/Vote:** **REP. BARRETT** moved that HB 77 BE
 AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice
 vote.

01:54:48 **Motion:** REP. HARRIS moved that HB 77 DO PASS AS
 AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:55:00 **REP. BROWN**

01:55:45 **CHAIRMAN PETERSON**

01:55:53 EDWARD A. THAMKE, Montana Department of
 Environmental Quality

01:56:46 **REP. FUREY**

01:57:02 **REP. BROWN**

01:57:29 **REP. HARRIS**

01:58:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-2 by voice vote with REP.
 BROWN and REP. EVERETT voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

02:00:00

REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

JP/DP

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah12aad0.PDF](#))