

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on January 7, 2005 at 3:02 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: Kathleen Ely, 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: SB 44, 1/3/2005; SB 96, 1/3/2005;
SB 97, 1/3/2005; SB 124, 1/3/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:16

HEARING ON SB 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DAN MCGEE (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 44, Revise state water planning process.

EXHIBIT(nas05a01)

00:10:42

Proponents' Testimony: None.

00:10:23

Opponents' Testimony:

John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:11:11

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:14:32

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:59

HEARING ON SB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 96, Authorize direct sale of logs from state land.

00:19:41

Proponents' Testimony:

Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Keith Olson, Montana Logging Association

Kathy Braemer, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

00:25:18

Opponents' Testimony: None.

00:25:52

Informational Testimony: None.

00:26:35

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:51

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:33

HEARING ON SB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. GREGORY BARKUS (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on **SB 97**, Clarify authority to dispose specialized interests in state trust land.

00:49:09

Proponents' Testimony:

Mary Sexson, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Kathy Braemer, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:57:41

Opponents' Testimony:

REP. MIKE JOPEK, HD 4

Roy Andes, MON-TRUST, Montanans for the Use of the School Trust
Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society
Tony Schooner, State Lands Coalition, Anaconda
Bill Holdorf, Butte Skyline Sportsman
Lorry Thomas, Anaconda Sportmen
Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:57:41

Informational Testimony: None.

01:12:37

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:51

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. HARRINGTON excused.

SEN. TOOLE assumes the Chair.

01:28:01

HEARING ON SB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. GLENN ROUSH (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on **SB 124**, Interim bridge or gap financing for regional water systems.

01:35:08

Proponents' Testimony:

John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

[EXHIBIT\(nas05a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas05a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas05a04\)](#)

Clint Jacobs, Dry Prairie

Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development Corporation

Sarah Carlson, Executive Director, Association of Conservation
Districts

Pat Torgerson, WIFE (Women In Farm Economics)

01:51:09

Opponents' Testimony: None.

01:51:31

Informational Testimony: None.

01:51:31

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:53:44

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. ROUSH assumes the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:57 P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas05aad0.PDF](#))