

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on February 7, 2005 at 3:12 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. Mike Wheat (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Ken Toole (D)

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: SB 337, 2/4/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:14

HEARING ON SB 337

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on **SB 337**,
Authorize conservation easements on school trust land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:15 **John Morrison, Montana State Auditor**
00:09:25 **Linda McCulloch, Superintendent, Public Schools**
00:11:54 **Candace West, on behalf of Attorney General Mike**
 McGrath
00:13:08 **Mike Jopek, on behalf of self**
00:14:15 **Mike Volesky, on behalf of Governor's office**
00:15:05 **Mary Sexton, Director, Montana Department of**
 Natural Resources (DNRC)
00:16:38 **Marshall Friedman, on behalf of self**
00:18:42 **David Fern, on behalf of self**
00:23:25 **Monna Jameson, Montana Association of Land Trusts**
00:25:03 **Larry Peterman, Chief of Field ops for MTFWP**
00:26:01 **Valerie Otto, on behalf of self**
00:29:08 **Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society**
00:30:16 **Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Association**
00:30:57 **Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental**
00:31:33 **John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited**
00:33:21 **Diane Conradi, Lincoln Institute for Land Policy**

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:09 **Jay Bonner, Montana Stock Grower's Association**

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Informational Testimony: None.

00:37:33

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:00 **SEN CURTISS for Tom Schultz, DNRC**

00:58:51

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GR/ph

Additional Exhibits:

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