

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on February 11, 2005 at
3:00 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: 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 336, 2/7/2005
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 336

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. LANE LARSON (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 336, Coal bed methane reclamation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:57 James Kuippers, Northern Plains Resource Council

EXHIBIT (nas34a01)

00:15:45 Ray Muggli, Northern Plains Resource Council

00:24:19 Clint McRae, Supervisor, Conservation District

EXHIBIT (nas34a02)

00:26:34 REP. NORMA BIXBY, HD 41, LAME DEER

00:27:25 REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN, HD 42, LODGE GRASS

00:29:27 Clint McRae, Rosebud County

EXHIBIT (nas34a03)

00:32:59 Denise Wood, Diamond Cross Ranch

EXHIBIT (nas34a04)

00:37:08 Deborah Hanson, on behalf of self

EXHIBIT (nas34a05)

00:41:46 David Davenport, Rosebud Conservation District

EXHIBIT (nas34a06)

00:44:31 Dixie Stark, on behalf of self

00:46:28 Gene Fenderson, Laborers Union

00:47:23 Mary Fitzpatrick, Northern Plains Resource Council

EXHIBIT (nas34a07)

00:49:36 Brenda Lindliefital, Tongue River Water Users
Association

00:52:21 Pat Michelle, on behalf of self

00:53:55 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information
Center

00:54:44 Don Judge, Montana Sierra Club

00:56:28 Theresa Keaveny, Montana Conservation Voters

00:57:40 John Doyle, Bighorn County Commissioner
 00:58:47 Derek Goldman, Montana Fisheries Society and
 Montana Audubon Society
 01:00:02 John Pretty On Top, Bighorn County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony:

01:03:42 Bruce Williams, Fidelity Exploration & Production
 Company

EXHIBIT (nas34a08)

01:25:54 Carl Dewey, Rancher, on behalf of self

EXHIBIT (nas34a09)

01:38:23 Chad Fenner, Bighorn County Commissioner
 01:41:39 Jon Metropoulos, Attorney
 01:48:14 Tom Ebsry, on behalf of Marathon Oil and Phillips
 Petroleum
 01:51:19 Executive Director, Executive Director, Montana
 Petroleum Association
 01:54:54 Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce
 01:56:25 Don Alan, Western Environmental Trade Association
 01:58:12 William Daffield, Oil and Gas

Informational Testimony:

02:00:14 Richard Oppen, Montana Department of Environmental
 Quality (MDEQ)
 02:01:00 Don Richmond, Board of Oil and Gas

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:58 SEN. HARRINGTON for Gail Abercrombie
 02:06:55 SEN. TOOLE for Bruce Williams
 02:21:16 SEN. TOOLE for Doug McRae
 02:23:29 SEN. TOOLE for James Kuippers
 02:25:04 SEN. TASH for Carl Duffy
 02:27:11 SEN. TASH for Clint McCrae
 02:30:20 SEN. TASH for David Davenport
 02:33:11 SEN. WHEAT for Chad Fenner
 02:35:41 SEN. WHEAT for SEN. LARSON
 02:37:11 SEN. WHEAT for Bruce Williams
 02:44:45 SEN. CURTISS for Chad Fenner
 02:47:05 SEN. CUTISS for Don Richmond
 02:52:25 SEN. WHEAT for SEN. LARSON; referred to James
 Kuippers, NPRC

02:55:31 **SEN. GEPHARDT** for **Don Richmond**
02:57:23 **SEN GEPHARDT** for **Clint McRae**
03:01:52 **SEN GEPHARDT** for **SEN. LARSON**; redirected to **David**
 Davenport
03:09:17 **SEN. PERRY** for **Steve Welch**
03:11:20 **SEN. PERRY** for **Tom Richmond**
03:14:31 **CHAIRMAN ROUSH** for **Tom Richmond**
03:24:09 **CHAIRMAN ROUSH** for **Doug McCrae**

03:31:35 **CHAIRMAN ROUSH** commented on need for timely
 executive action and, possibility of Northern
 Plains Resource Council creating an interim study.

03:34:00

Closing by Sponsor:

03:34:52

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6: P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GR/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas34aad0.PDF](#))