

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on February 18, 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 Ta sh (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 494, 2/16/2005
Executive Action: SB 494, SB 461, SB 489, SB 417, SB
449,

00:00:10

HEARING ON SB 494

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on **SB 494**, Facilitate development of Otter Creek tracts - coal lease extension.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:50 **Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation (DNRC)**
00:04:09 **Jim Mockler, Montana Coal Council**
00:05:05 **Kathy Bramer, on behalf of Linda McCullough,
Superintendent of Public Instruction**
00:05:47 **Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:07:13

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:02

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 494

00:12:00

Motion: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 494 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Motion/Vote: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 494 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 461

00:14:32

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 461 DO PASS.

00:15:04

Discussion:

EXHIBIT(nas40a01)

00:15:04

Motion: SEN. WHEAT moved amendments to SB 461.

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Discussion:

00:17:26

Motion/Vote: SEN. WHEAT moved that amendments to SB 461 DO PASS.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Motion: SEN. WHEAT moved that SB 461 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

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Discussion:

00:23:49

Motion/Vote: SEN. WHEAT moved that SB 461 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 489

00:24:20

Motion: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 489 DO PASS.

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Discussion:

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Motion: SEN. HARRINGTON moved amendments to SB 489.

EXHIBIT(nas40a02)

00:25:37

Discussion:

00:28:40

Sandy Olson, DEQ

00:29:41

Mary Sexton, DNRC

00:32:26

Denise Martin, DEQ

00:46:28

Motion/Vote: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 489 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. CURTISS and SEN. TASH voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 417

00:48:25

Motion: SEN. LIND moved that SB 417 BE TABLED.

Substitute Motion: SEN. CURTISS made a substitute motion that SB 417 DO PASS.

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Discussion:

00:52:28

Motion: SEN. LIND moved amendments to SB 417.

00:52:30

Discussion:

EXHIBIT (nas40a03)

00:54:59

Motion/Vote: SEN. LIND moved amendments to SB 417. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Motion: SEN. LIND moved additional amendments on SB 417.

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Discussion:

01:03:02

Motion: SEN. LIND withdrew his motion to amend SB 417; 041702.

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Motion: SEN. CURTISS moved that SB 417 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

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Discussion:

01:12:45

Motion/Vote: SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 417 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 449

01:13:21

Motion: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 449 DO PASS.

01:13:26

Discussion:

EXHIBIT (nas40a04)

01:15:23

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved amendments. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:18:24

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 417 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with SEN. LIND, SEN. TOOLE, and SEN. WHEAT. SEN. HARRINGTON voting no. SEN. HARRINGTON voted by Proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GR/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas40aad0.PDF](#))