

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

00:00:00

**Call to Order:** By **SEN. KEN TOOLE**, on March 7, 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)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary, Audio Technician  
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: HB 370, 3/2/2005  
Executive Action: SB 336 (started, then suspended)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 336**

00:01:30

**Motion:** SEN. WHEAT moved that SB 336 DO PASS.

00:01:30

**Motion:** SEN. WHEAT moved that SB 336 AMENDMENTS DO PASS.

00:07:28

**Discussion:**

00:08:58

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. WHEAT moved that SB 336 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. ROUSH voting no by PROXY.

00:09:13

**Discussion:**

00:10:35

**SEN. WHEAT** withdrew his motion for DO PASS and Executive Action on SB 336 was suspended.

00:10:35 Break.

00:27:40 Resume.

**HEARING ON HB 370**

00:27:40

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. MICHAEL WHEAT, SD 32, BOZEMAN** opened for **REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79**, opened the hearing on **HB 370**, Revise strip and underground mine reclamation act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:31 Neil Harrington, Department of Environmental Quality  
(DEQ)

00:36:45 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:37:53

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:23

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:44:15

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:00 P.M.

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SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

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PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([nas50aad0.PDF](#))**