

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on March 21, 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. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Wheat (D), Sen. Bill Tash (R),
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 236, 3/16/2005
Executive Action: HB 236,
HB 606, (motion withdrawn),
HB 453

HEARING ON HB 236

00:00:35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. VERDELL JACKSON (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 236, Make Clark Fork river basin task force permanent.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:20 Derek Goldman, Montana Audubon Society and Clark Fork Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:04:54 Rich Moy, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas62a01)

00:06:51

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:05

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 236

00:13:58

Motion/Vote: SEN. TOOLE moved that HB 236 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. HARRINGTON, SEN. TASH, and SEN. WHEAT voted by Proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 606

00:15:36

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved that HB 606 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:15:36

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas62a02)

Motion: SEN. CURTISS moved AMENDMENTS on HB 606.

00:16:50

Discussion:

Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Staffer, explained amendment.
Jon Metropoulos and **Warren McCullough, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)** answered questions from the committee.

Motion/Vote: SEN. TOOLE moved conceptual amendments on HB 606 .
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:42:20

SEN. TOOLE withdrew his original motion for HB 606 to be concurred in.

Additional Discussion on HB 606:

00:44:52 Sen. Roush asked that **Ronald McCullough, Staff Mining Engineer, Montana Bureau of Mines** speak to the committee and answer questions.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 453

00:56:23

Motion: SEN. ROUSH moved that HB 453 BE CONCURRED IN.

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Discussion:

00:57:55

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved amendments to HB 453.

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas62a03)

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas62a04)

Discussion:

00:57:55 **John Arrigo, DEQ**, answered questions from **SEN. PERRY**.

01:08:15

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved two conceptual amendments;
HB045301.akl. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:08:15

Discussion:

01:12:38

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved amendments HB045302.akl. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:12:44

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved an additional conceptual amendment to HB 453. Motion failed by voice vote with SEN. PERRY, WHEAT, TOOLE, ROUSH voting NO. SEN. WHEAT, SEN. TASH, and SEN. HARRINGTON voted by Proxy.

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Discussion:

01:16:05

Motion: SEN. ROUSH moved additional conceptual amendment (regarding solid waste) to HB 453.

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Discussion:

01:27:19

Vote: Motion failed by voice vote. SEN. WHEAT, SEN. TASH and SEN. HARRINGTON voted by Proxy.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved that HB 453 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with SEN. CURTISS, SEN. GEBHARDT, and SEN. TASH voting no. SEN. WHEAT, SEN. TASH and SEN. HARRINGTON voted by Proxy.

01:31:42

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:07 P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GR/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas62aad0.PDF](#))