

# **What's Hot**

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**UPDATE:** [Click here](#) to see what happened at the meeting.

**UPDATE:** Senator Dale Schultz, R-Richland Center will listen to your concerns about the Mining bill on **Sat., Feb. 18 from 10AM to 2PM at University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the University Rooms of the Markee Pioneer Student Center.** Also, there will be Senators Tim Cullen, D-Janesville and Robert Jauch, D-Poplar to will discuss mining issues and answer audience questions. [Read more here.](#)

**UPDATE:** This has been CANCELLED by State Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) who has dissolved the special mining committee. Therefore, if you want to express your feelings about the Open Pit Mining bill you are encouraged to contact our state senator, Dale Schultz at 608-266-0703 or 800-978-8008 or [Sen.Schultz@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Sen.Schultz@legis.wi.gov) and let him know how you feel. [Read more here.](#)

## **PUBLIC HEARING** **Senate Select Committee on Mining Jobs**

The committee will hold a public hearing on the following items at the time specified below:

**Friday, February 17, 2012 10:00 AM**  
**UW-Platteville**  
**Ullsvik Hall, Harry and Laura Nohr Gallery**  
**1 University Plaza**  
**Platteville, WI**

[LRB 4035/P1](#) (Senate Mining Bill) Relating to: regulation of ferrous metallic mining and related activities, procedures for obtaining approvals from the Department of Natural Resources for the construction of utility facilities, making an appropriation, and providing penalties.

[Assembly Bill 426](#) Relating to: regulation of ferrous metallic mining and related activities, making an appropriation, and providing penalties.

By Committee on Jobs, Economy and Small Business. The committee will accept testimony on both bills concurrently. Testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes per person, at the discretion of the Chair. Copies of any un-introduced legislation listed above are available at the Senate Chief Clerk's office, or on the Web page of the Senate Select Committee on Mining Jobs, located at: [www.senatorkedzie.com](http://www.senatorkedzie.com)

**Significance:** Gogebic Taconite an out-of-state mining company has been seeking changes to Wisconsin's mining laws. Both AB 426 and the Senate Bill LRB 4035 drastically weaken environmental protections, public health protections, and the public's voice. AB 426 was voted out of the Assembly and awaits Senate approval.

Senator Dale Schultz sits on the Senate Committee that is holding this hearing. Sen. Schultz is not pleased with AB 426 and wants to make a better bill. LRB 4035 has many of the same problems as AB 426, and we need citizens to let Sen. Schultz know that at the public hearing. Additional information on the bills and the hearing can be found at [www.conservationvoters.org](http://www.conservationvoters.org) or by calling 608-661-0845.