

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ALAN OLSON**, on January 8, 2007 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Olson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)  
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Diane Rice (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary

**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:**

Hearings: HB 27; HB 123; HB 134  
Executive Action:

00:00:02 Chairman Olson

**HEARING ON HB 27**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:09 Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D), HD 51

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:50 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:07:09 Ed Tinsley, Lewis and Clark County and MACo

00:08:36 Cliff Christian, American Stroke Association and  
American Heart Association

**EXHIBIT (feh04a01)**

00:10:19 Lisa Durand, Manager, Flathead County 911 Center

**EXHIBIT (feh04a02)**

00:14:04 Captain Butch Huseby, Montana Highway Patrol

00:14:28 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:15:29 Jim Kimble, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police

00:15:48 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers  
Association

00:17:24 Michael Strand, Montana Independent Telecommunications  
Systems

**EXHIBIT (feh04a03)**

00:23:37 Margaret Morgan, ALLTEL Communications

**EXHIBIT (feh04a04)**

00:25:41 Aimee Grmoljez, Verizon Wireless.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:29:12\_\_Dennis Lopatch, Tracfone

00:31:17 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association.

**EXHIBIT (feh04a05)**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:35:20 Jeff Brandt, Deputy Chief Information Officer,  
Department of Administration.

**EXHIBIT (feh04a06)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:37:57 Rep. Driscoll

**HEARING ON HB 123**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:08 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:44:28 Brad Molnar, Commissioner, Montana Public Service  
Commission

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:49:50 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Montana Public Service  
Commission  
00:56:21 Chuck Magraw, Natural Resources Defense Council  
00:59:15 Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information Center  
01:01:30 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:03:44 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:04:22 Commissioner Jergeson  
01:05:18 Rep. Gallik  
01:06:39 Rep. Lange  
01:12:31 Rep. Groesbeck  
01:13:32 Rep. Lange  
01:16:02 Rep. Groesbeck  
01:16:12 Commissioner Jergeson  
01:18:43 Rep. Gallik  
01:19:22 Mr. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:41 Rep. Lange

**HEARING ON HB 134**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:22:24 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:26:49 Brad Molnar, Commissioner, Montana Public Service  
Commission  
01:32:54 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:39:13 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Montana Public Service  
Commission  
01:44:54 Joe Mazurek, City of Great Falls  
01:49:27 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
01:55:04 Dave Kelsey, Yellowstone Valley Electric  
01:57:58 Candace Payne, SME \_\_\_\_\_

**Informational Testimony:**

01:59:55 Rep. Wayne Stahl

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:04:07 Rep. Gallik  
02:05:44 Commissioner Jergeson  
02:07:20 Rep. Gallik

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:08:29 Rep. Lange

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:11:16 Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

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REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

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CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([feh04aad.pdf](#))**