

**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 10, 2007 at 3:25 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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 24, 1/4/2007; HB 56, 1/5/2007;  
HB 170, 1/2/2007

**CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON HB 134**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 134, Regulate rates of local government energy transmission facilities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:00:00 Mary Jolley, Great Falls  
00:04:08 Charles Bocock, Great Falls  
00:08:32 Donna Kramer, Great Falls  
00:09:33 Cheryl Reichert, Great Falls

**[EXHIBIT \(feh06a01\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

00:15:40 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:49 Rep. Driscoll  
00:17:34 Mary Jolley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:41 Rep. Lange

**HEARING ON HB 56**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:21 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 56, remove limitations on coal board grants to tribal governments.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:22 Dave Cole, Department of Commerce  
**[EXHIBIT \(feh06a02\)](#)**  
00:33:46 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner  
00:35:44 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman  
00:45:29 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:31 Rep. Gallik

**HEARING ON HB 24**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:51:31 Rep. Harry Klock (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 24, Revise laws relating to carbon dioxide used for energy purposes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:02 David Hoffman, PPL Montana

**EXHIBIT (feh06a03)**

00:55:26 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:56:09 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council

00:57:02 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

00:57:39 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:58:28 Rick Moore, Northern Plains Resource Council

**Informational Testimony:**

01:00:36 Bob Raney, Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission

01:05:26 Tom Richmond, Executive Director, Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:11:19 Rep. Gallik

01:12:25 Rep. Klock

01:12:44 Rep. Gallik

01:13:28 Rep. Klock

01:13:37 Todd Everts, Legislative Environmental Analyst

01:14:29 Rep. Gallik

01:15:13 Mr. Everts

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01:15:32 Rep. Gallik  
01:15:58 Mr. Everts  
01:16:25 Rep. Rice  
01:16:51 Mr. Richmond  
01:18:21 Rep. Rice  
01:18:32 Mr. Richmond  
01:19:33 Rep. Himmelberger  
01:20:02 Mr. Richmond  
01:21:46 Rep. Himmelberger  
01:22:57 Mr. Richmond  
01:23:09 Rep. Himmelberger  
01:23:23 Mr. Richmond  
01:24:56 Rep. Himmelberger  
01:25:36 Mr. Richmond

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:28:02 Rep. Klock

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:28:43 Adjournment: 4:52 P.M.

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REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

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CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([feh06aad.pdf](#))**