

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 15, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol. Vice Chairman Klock then chaired the meeting.

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 114, 1/5/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 114

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:42 Rep. Alan Olson (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 114, establish Montana energy transmission and transportation authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:10 Bill Pascoe, Great Northern Power Development
00:11:29 Mike Pichette, Northwestern Energy
00:12:00 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council
00:12:48 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
00:14:02 Tom Ebzery, Puget Sound Energy of Bellview, Portland General Electric, and Avista Corp.
00:15:41 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
00:16:16 John Alke, Montana Dakota Utilities
00:17:02 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association
00:17:19 Van Jamison
00:21:41 David Hoffman, PPL Montana

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Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:42 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center
00:28:08 Verner Bertelsen
00:30:25 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council

Informational Testimony:

00:32:17 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office on Economic Development

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:44 Rep. Rice
00:49:06 Mr. Pascoe
00:49:36 Rep. Rice
00:49:45 Mr. Pascoe
00:50:26 Rep. Rice
00:50:37 Mr. Pascoe
00:51:29 Rep. Rice
00:51:46 Mr. Barber
00:52:49 Rep. Rice
00:53:04 Mr. Barber
00:53:31 Rep. Gallik
00:54:54 Rep. Olson

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00:59:55 Rep. Gallik
01:01:11 Mr. Pascoe
01:01:29 Rep. Gallik
01:02:06 Mr. Pascoe
01:02:46 Rep. Gallik
01:02:56 Mr. Pascoe
01:03:23 Rep. Windy Boy
01:04:31 Mr. Pichette

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:28 Rep. Olson

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ADJOURNMENT

01:18:28 Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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