

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 29, 2007 at
3:22 P.M., in Room 172 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: Rep. Diane Rice

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: 237, 1/15/2007; HB 328, 1/17/2007
Executive Action: HB 161, HJ 6, HB 301

HEARING ON HB 237

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:58 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB
237, Require phase-in of renewable energy supply.
[EXHIBIT \(feh19a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 Chuck Mcgraw, Natural Resources Defense Council and
Renewable Northwest Project and speaking on behalf of
Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information Center

Opponents' Testimony:

00:06:41 John Alke, Montana Dakota Utilities
00:13:38 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy
00:16:21 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

Informational Testimony:

00:17:21 Van Jamison, energy consultant and wind developer

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:12 Rep. Gallik
00:21:57 Mr. Clinch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:27 Rep. Phillips

HEARING ON HB 328

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:09 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB
328, Revise Major Facilities Siting Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:45 Van Jamison
00:30:42 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:38 Rep. Stahl

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 161

Motion: Rep. Gallik moved that **HB 161 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:34:47 Rep. Olson
00:35:43 Rep. Gallik
00:35:58 Rep. Olson
00:37:18 Rep. Jones

00:38:12 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Klock made a substitute motion that **HB 161 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Gallik, Rep. Groesbeck, Rep. Thomas, and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Rice voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6

00:40:03 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **HJ 6 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:40:18 Rep. Driscoll
00:40:49 Rep. Gallik
00:42:07 Rep. Klock
00:42:31 Rep. Jones
00:42:52 Rep. Olson

00:43:09 Break
00:49:12 Reconvene

00:49:48 Rep. Jones
00:50:10 Rep. Gallik
00:51:16 Rep. Olson
00:52:21 Rep. Gallik
00:53:20 Rep. Driscoll
00:54:00 Rep. Himmelberger
00:55:30 Rep. Boggio

00:56:42 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Klock moved that **HJ 6 BE TABLED**. Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Boggio, Rep. Himmelberger, Rep. Klock, Rep. Olson, and Rep. Stahl voting aye and Rep. Rice voting aye by proxy.

00:59:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Gallik, Rep. Groesbeck, Rep. Jones, Rep. Thomas, and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye and Rep. Rice voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 301

00:59:55 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that **HB 301 DO PASS**.

01:00:26 **Motion:** Rep. Gallik moved that **HB 301 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT (feh19a02)

Discussion:

01:00:51 Rep. Gallik
01:05:59 Rep. Olson
01:06:17 Rep. Gallik
01:07:17 Rep. Groesbeck

01:07:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:08:01 **Motion:** Rep. Gallik moved that **HB 301 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

01:08:22 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Klock made a substitute motion that **HB 301 BE TABLED**. Substitute motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Gallik, Rep. Groesbeck, Rep. Thomas, and Rep. Windy Boy voting no and Rep. Rice voting by proxy.

Discussion:

01:10:13 Rep. Gallik

01:11:12 Rep. Olson

ADJOURNMENT

01:12:29 Adjournment: 4:34 P.M.

REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

AO/cp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([feh19aad.pdf](#))