

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 31, 2007 at
3:00 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: 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: HJ 13, 1/26/2007; HB 411,
1/26/2007; HB 405, 1/26/2007
Executive Action: HJ 6

HEARING ON HJ 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:49 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HJ 13, encourage oil and gas development.

EXHIBIT (feh21a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:50 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association
00:06:24 Chad Fenner, Big Horn County, Montana Association of Counties Oil and Gas Board
00:06:43 Willie Duffield, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Producing Counties
00:07:37 John Ostlund, himself and Montana Association of Counties
00:07:58 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:09 Rep. Gallik
00:10:47 Rep. Ankney
00:11:37 Rep. Gallik

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:21 Rep. Ankney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6

Motion: Rep. Klock moved that **HJ 6 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:15:19 Rep. Rice
00:17:01 Rep. Groesbeck
00:18:07 Rep. Gallik
00:19:11 Rep. Olson
00:20:48 Rep. Jones
00:22:17 Rep. Gallik

00:23:02 Rep. Jones

00:23:43 Rep. Gallik

Vote: Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Boggio,
Rep. Himmelberger, Rep. Rice, and Rep. Windy Boy voting
no.

HEARING ON HB 405

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:42 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB
405, increase natural resource development for low-cost
energy.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:09 Michael Kakuk, WETA

00:39:00 Steve Wade, Bull Mountain Development Company

00:42:01 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council

EXHIBIT (feh21a02)

00:48:32 Mike Newton, Fisher Sand and Gravel, Glendive

00:50:27 Ellen Engsted, Montana Wood Products Association

00:51:54 Leo Berry, Great Northern Power Development

00:54:54 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractor's Association

00:57:52 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:59:01 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:59:13 Dave Kelsey, Yellowstone Valley Electric, Southern
Montana Electric

01:02:15 Todd O'Hare, Rio Tinto Energy America

EXHIBIT (feh21a03)

01:04:42 Connie Eissinger, McCone County Commissioner

01:05:57 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers

01:06:24 Mike Pichette, Northwestern Energy

01:07:21 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company

Opponents' Testimony:

01:08:43 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office on Economic Development

EXHIBIT (feh21a04)

01:15:13 Jim Williams, Basin Creek Power Services

01:17:38 Dave Ryan, Wind Park Solutions America

01:20:02 Jean Charter, a commercial cattle rancher from the
Billings area and a member of the Northern Plains
Resource Council

01:22:11 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

01:28:54 Richard Parks, a member of the Northern Plains Resource
Council from Gardiner
01:30:15 Ellen Pfister, a member of the Bull Mountain Land
Alliance and Northern Plains Resource Council
01:33:36 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters
EXHIBIT (feh21a05)
01:36:03 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
01:38:30 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
EXHIBIT (feh21a06)
01:40:55 Don Judge, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club
EXHIBIT (feh21a07)
01:45:47 Matt Leow, Montana Public Interest Research Group
(MontPIRG)
01:47:14 Patrick Judge representing Chuck McGraw, Renewable
Northwest Project and Natural Resources Defense Council

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:48:20 Rep. Himmelberger
01:49:03 Mr. Kakuk
01:49:27 Rep. Himmelberger
01:50:01 Mr. Kakuk
01:52:46 Rep. Windy Boy
01:54:07 Rep. Lange
01:54:48 Rep. Windy Boy
01:56:06 Rep. Lange
01:56:34 Mr. Smith
01:57:00 Rep. Windy Boy
01:57:07 Mr. Kakuk
01:57:54 Rep. Windy Boy
01:58:37 Mr. Kakuk
01:59:25 Rep. Olson
01:59:35 Rep. Gallik
02:00:13 Rep. Lange
02:01:29 Rep. Gallik
02:02:07 Rep. Lange
02:02:58 Rep. Gallik
02:03:08 Rep. Lange
02:03:33 Rep. Gallik
02:04:07 Rep. Lange
02:04:29 Rep. Gallik
02:04:54 Rep. Lange
02:05:29 Rep. Groesbeck
02:06:10 Rep. Lange
02:06:25 Rep. Groesbeck
02:06:36 Rep. Lange

02:08:06 Rep. Groesbeck
02:09:01 Rep. Lange
02:10:05 Mr. Kakuk
02:11:20 Mr. Smith
02:12:02 Rep. Groesbeck
02:12:48 Mr. Ryan, Wind Park Solutions
02:14:03 Rep. Olson
02:15:13 Mr. Barrett
02:19:04 Rep. Olson
02:19:14 Mr. Barrett
02:20:01 Rep. Olson
02:20:31 Mr. Ryan
02:20:46 Rep. Windy Boy
02:23:29 Tom Ring, Department of Environmental Quality

Closing by Sponsor:

02:24:43 Rep. Lange

HEARING ON HB 411

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:40:50 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 411, expand major facility siting act.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:50:53 Matt Leow, MontPirg
02:53:58 Patrick Judge, MEIC
[EXHIBIT \(feh21a08\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(feh21a09\)](#)
02:57:17 Ellen Pfister

Opponents' Testimony:

02:58:30 Leo Berry, Great Northern Power Development
03:03:28 Dave Kelsey, Yellowstone Valley Electric and Southern
Montana Electric
03:06:11 Don Allen, WETA

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:09:21 Rep. Olson
03:09:31 Rep. Erickson

03:12:21 Rep. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

03:13:02 Rep. Erickson

Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(feh21a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(feh21a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(feh21a12\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

03:14:33 Adjournment: 6:21 P.M.

REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([feh21aad.pdf](#))