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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALAN OLSON**, on March 12, 2007 at 2:57 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. Bill Thomas (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

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: SB 60, 3/6/2007; SB 536, 3/8/2007
Executive Action: HB 626

HEARING ON SB 60

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:27 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 60,
Clarify energy emergency power concerning price of
energy.

EXHIBIT (feh52a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:03 Jim Nolan, Department of Health and Human Services

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:08 Rep. Olson
00:05:22 Sen. Cobb
00:05:31 Rep. Olson
00:05:42 Sen. Cobb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:13 Sen. Cobb

HEARING ON SB 536

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:41 Sen. Gary Perry (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB
536, Revise eminent domain laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:19 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy
00:10:48 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives
00:11:22 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association
00:12:03 Phil Maxwell, Three Rivers Communications

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:40 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

00:17:19 Rep. Gallik
00:17:49 Sen. Perry
00:18:06 Mr. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:00 Sen. Perry

COMMITTEE BILL DRAFT REQUEST LC 2561

Discussion:

00:19:38 Mr. Everts
[EXHIBIT \(feh52a02\)](#)

00:22:48 Rep. Olson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 626

00:23:42 Rep. Groesbeck
00:24:19 Rep. Olson
00:24:46 Rep. Groesbeck

Motion/Vote: Rep. Groesbeck moved HB 626 **BE RECONSIDERED**.
Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote of the
members present and voting, with Rep. Boggio, Rep.
Driscoll, Rep. Klock, and Rep. Olson voting no.

Further Discussion:

00:28:20 Rep. Groesbeck
00:29:29 Rep. Molnar
[EXHIBIT \(feh52a03\)](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

00:38:04 Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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