

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Art Noonan, on February 2, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Noonan, Chairman (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

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 225, HB 375, HJ 13

Executive Action: SB 39

00:02:47 Chairman Noonan introduced global warming as the theme of the day's hearings.

HEARING ON HB 375

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:45 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 375, Endorse western climate initiative.

00:12:08 Rep. Stahl arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:33 Chuck Magraw, Natural Resources Defense Council

00:14:21 Steven Running, Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change

00:15:10 Paul Cartwright, Office of the Governor

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:51 John Alke, Montana-Dakota Utilities

EXHIBIT (feh24a01)

00:25:03 Todd O'Hair, Reo Tinto Energy America (RTEA)

00:29:01 Candace Payne, Southern Montana Electric Cooperative

Informational Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:53 Rep. Wiseman

00:31:29 Dr. Running

00:33:07 Rep. Wiseman

00:33:35 Dr. Running

00:33:41 Chairman Noonan

00:33:47 Rep. Stahl

00:34:13 Dr. Running

00:35:45 Rep. Stahl

00:35:54 Dr. Running

00:36:00 Rep. Stahl

00:36:11 Dr. Running

00:36:18 Rep. Stahl

00:36:39 Dr. Running

00:37:17 Rep. Stahl

00:37:39 Dr. Running
00:38:38 Rep. Stahl
00:38:47 Chairman Noonan
00:39:01 Rep. Klock
00:39:16 Dr. Running
00:39:42 Rep. Regier
00:39:58 Rep. Phillips

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:32 Rep. Phillips

HEARING ON HB 255

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:30 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB
255, Increase Montana renewable energy portfolio
standard.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:55 Mr. Magraw
00:52:36 Dr. Running
00:54:09 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)
00:57:13 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony:

00:58:19 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy
EXHIBIT (feh24a02)
01:09:17 Mr. O'Hair
01:13:56 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company

Informational Testimony:

01:16:48 Mr. Alke

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:36 Rep. Regier
01:20:01 Mr. Magraw
01:20:19 Rep. Reichner
01:20:50 Rep. Phillips

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:12 Rep. Phillips

01:25:41 Break
01:30:56 Reconvene

HEARING ON HJ 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:31:16 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HJ
13, Carbon neutral buildings.

EXHIBIT (feh24a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:39:07 Mr. Magraw
01:41:59 Margaret Morgan, Montana Chapter - American Institute
of Architects
01:42:45 Matt Leow, Northern Plains Resource Council
01:45:04 Kyla Wiens, MEIC
01:46:03 Dr. Running

Opponents' Testimony:

01:46:39 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
(MBIA)

EXHIBIT (feh24a04)

Informational Testimony:

01:51:48 Mr. Cartwright

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:53:28 Chairman Noonan
01:53:53 Rep. Hands

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:26 Rep. Hands

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 39

01:58:20 **Motion:** Rep. Augare moved that **SB 39 DO PASS.**

Discussion: none.

01:58:40 **Motion:** Rep. Augare **CALLED THE QUESTION ON SB 39.**

01:58:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([feh24aad.pdf](#))