

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Art Noonan, on April 6, 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. 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. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

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: SB 498

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 498

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:15 Sen. Keith Bales (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on
SB 498, Establish laws governing carbon sequestration.
00:01:50 Rep. Reichner arrived.
00:02:53 Rep. Augare arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:23 Sen. Ron Erickson, SD 47, Missoula
00:19:23 Mike Volesky, Office of the Governor
00:22:33 Candace Payne, Southern Montana Electric Generation
and Transmission Cooperative
00:24:13 Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties/ Great Northern
Project Development
00:26:53 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana
00:29:31 Todd O'Hair, Reo Tinto Energy America
00:31:56 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
00:32:51 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
(WETA)
00:34:44 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:35:13 Michael Creeden, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:36 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

EXHIBIT(feh75a01)

00:52:18 Dale Ferguson, self

EXHIBIT(feh75a02)

00:56:50 Matt Leow, Northern Plains Resource Council
01:04:25 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

01:08:50 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
01:10:39 Tom Richmond, Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
01:12:33 Rep. Wiseman arrived.
01:15:45 Bonnie Lovelace, Montana Department of Environmental
Quality

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:09 Rep. Jopek
01:16:52 Sen. Erickson
01:18:10 Rep. Jopek

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01:18:33 Sen. Erickson
01:19:30 Rep. Jopek
01:20:08 Sen. Erickson
01:21:22 Rep. Regier
01:21:38 Sen. Bales
01:21:44 Rep. Regier
01:22:04 Sen. Bales
01:23:51 Rep. Regier
01:24:29 Sen. Bales
01:25:32 Rep. Regier
01:25:42 Sen. Bales
01:26:02 Rep. Jopek
01:27:11 Sen. Erickson
01:28:42 Rep. Driscoll
01:29:14 Sen. Bales
01:30:40 Rep. Driscoll
01:30:51 Sen. Bales
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01:34:03 Rep. Wiseman
01:34:28 Sen. Erickson
01:35:07 Rep. Wiseman
01:35:35 Sen. Bales
01:36:04 Rep. Wiseman
01:36:19 Sen. Bales
01:37:08 Rep. MacLaren
01:37:29 Sen. Bales
01:37:59 Rep. MacLaren
01:38:09 Sen. Bales
01:38:22 Rep. MacLaren
01:38:28 Mr. Richmond
01:39:13 Rep. MacLaren
01:39:26 Mr. Richmond
01:39:49 Rep. Stahl
01:40:35 Sen. Erickson
01:41:41 Rep. Stahl
01:42:08 Sen. Erickson
01:42:59 Rep. Stahl
01:43:16 Sen. Erickson
01:44:08 Rep. Stahl
01:44:41 Mr. Richmond
01:48:40 Rep. Stahl
01:49:13 Mr. Richmond
01:50:05 Rep. Stahl
01:50:15 Mr. Richmond
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01:54:40 Rep. Jopek
01:55:05 Sen. Erickson
01:56:58 Rep. Wiseman
01:57:46 Mr. Richmond
01:59:02 Rep. Wiseman
02:00:00 Mr. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:44 Sen. Bales

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ADJOURNMENT

02:12:55 Adjournment: 5:13 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

Gray Bill for SB 498

EXHIBIT ([feh75a03](#))

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([feh75aad.pdf](#))