

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN JERRY W. BLACK, on January 13, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,
in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Black, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John Esp (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, 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 33, 1/5/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:02 SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 33, Include certain biomass generation facilities in renewable power act.

EXHIBIT(ens07a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:57 Paul Cartwright, Governor's Office
00:08:38 Chuck Roady, F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber
00:11:30 Sherman Anderson, Sun Mountain Lumber Company
00:16:17 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

EXHIBIT(ens07a02)

00:23:45 Angela Farr, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(ens07a03)

00:27:56 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)
00:29:27 Chantel McCormick, Montana Department of Commerce
00:30:39 Janice Grosfield, DsJr Trucking Inc
00:32:11 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
00:32:30 Chad Delong, Missoula Economic Development Corporation
00:33:38 Gail Gutsche, Montana Public Service Commission

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:35:06 John Elke, Montana Dakota Utilities
00:36:13 Chuck McGraw, Natural Resources Defense Council and Renewable Northwest Project

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:33 Sen. Erickson
00:39:37 Angela Farr
00:40:44 Sen. Erickson
00:40:52 Sen. Brown
00:41:38 Angela Farr
00:41:57 Bob Harrington (DNRC)
00:44:44 Sen. Moss

00:46:07 Sen. Lewis
00:46:42 John Fitzpatrick
00:48:16 Sen. Gebhardt
00:48:47 Chuck Roady
00:49:51 Sen. Gebhardt
00:50:20 Chantel McCormick
00:50:59 Sherman Anderson
00:51:45 Sen. Gebhardt
00:51:58 Sherman Anderson
00:53:17 Sen. Gebhardt
00:53:30 Sherman Anderson
00:53:52 Chairman Black
00:54:12 John Fitzpatrick
00:54:49 Chairman Black
00:54:53 John Fitzpatrick
00:55:33 Chairman Black
00:55:40 John Fitzpatrick
00:56:56 Chairman Black
00:57:03 John Fitzpatrick
00:57:21 Chairman Black
00:57:29 John Fitzpatrick
00:59:31 Chairman Black
00:59:40 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:00:02 John Fitzpatrick
01:00:38 Sen. Gebhardt
01:01:40 Bob Harrington
01:03:11 Chairman Black

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:28 Sen. Lewis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

NADINE SPENCER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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