

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jerry W. Black, on January 27, 2009 at 3 P.M., in Room 317 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. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

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 257, 1/22/2009

Executive Action: None

00:01:05 Sen. Esp entered the hearing

HEARING ON SB 257

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:52 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 257, Revise definition of renewable energy resource.

EXHIBIT (ens19a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:39 David Hoffman, PPL Montana

EXHIBIT (ens19a02)

00:11:18 Todd O'Hair, Rio Tinto Energy America (RTEA)

00:13:06 Sen. Hawks entered the hearing

00:14:01 Daniel Jones, Student at The University of Montana
School of Law & School of Business

00:14:41 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing

00:15:53 Pat Melby, representing the Confederated Salish and
Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation

EXHIBIT (ens19a03)

00:16:49 Van Jameson, wind power developer

00:22:51 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers (IBEW) local union 44

00:25:01 Dave Wheelihan, Montana Electric Cooperatives
Association (MECA)

00:25:41 Robert Johnson, Montana AFL-CIO

00:26:07 Keith Allen, (IBEW) local union 233

00:26:50 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:04 Chuck Magraw, Renewable Northwest Project and the
Natural Resources Defense Council (RNP/NRDC)

00:37:44 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

EXHIBIT (ens19a04)

00:44:42 Paul Cartwright, representing the Governor's Office

00:45:06 Elizabeth Guevin, representing Sleeping Giant Citizens
Council an affiliate of Northern Plains Resource
Council

00:46:18 Janet Ellis, representing Montana Audubon

00:48:52 Sarah Cobler, representing Montana Conservation Voters
(MCV)

00:49:45 Matt Leow, representing Northern Plains Resource
Council

Informational Testimony:

00:52:28 Brad Molnar, Public Service Commission (PSC) District 2

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:42 Sen. Esp
00:57:14 David Hoffman
00:58:05 Sen. Esp
00:58:17 David Hoffman
00:58:31 Sen. Esp
00:58:46 David Hoffman
00:58:57 Sen. Esp
00:59:05 David Hoffman
00:59:38 Sen. Esp
00:59:45 David Hoffman
01:00:04 Sen. Esp
01:00:51 Dave Wheelihan
01:01:14 Sen. Esp
01:01:22 Dave Wheelihan
01:01:59 Sen. Esp
01:02:15 Dave Wheelihan
01:02:30 Sen. Esp
01:03:23 Chuck Magraw
01:06:53 Sen. Esp
01:07:11 Chuck Magraw
01:08:24 Sen. Esp
01:08:36 Sen. Tropila
01:09:00 Brad Molnar
01:09:40 Sen. Tropila
01:10:19 Sen. Keane
01:12:20 Sen. Erickson
01:13:05 Paul Cartwright
01:13:48 Sen. Erickson
01:15:09 Chuck Magraw
01:16:59 Sen. Hawk
01:18:02 Paul Cartwright
01:18:10 Sen. Hawk
01:18:17 Paul Cartwright
01:18:55 Sen. Moss
01:19:24 Chuck Magraw
01:19:54 Sen. Moss
01:20:17 Chuck Magraw
01:23:35 Sen. Moss
01:24:20 Anne Hedges
01:24:22 Sen. Moss
01:24:35 Anne Hedges

01:24:49 Sen. Moss
01:25:12 David Hoffman
01:25:31 Sen. Moss
01:25:45 David Hoffman
01:25:52 Sen. Moss
01:26:09 David Hoffman
01:26:16 Sen. Moss
01:26:21 Sen. Esp
01:27:07 Paul Cartwright
01:27:11 Sen. Esp
01:27:15 Paul Cartwright
01:27:53 Sen. Esp
01:28:11 Paul Cartwright
01:29:10 Sen. Tropila
01:29:41 David Hoffman
01:32:17 Sen. Hawk
01:32:59 David Hoffman
01:35:11 Sen. Hawk
01:35:27 David Hoffman
01:35:59 Sen. Hawk
01:36:07 David Hoffman
01:37:08 Chairman Black
01:37:30 David Hoffman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:10 Sen. Keane

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ens19aad.pdf](#))