

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jerry W. Black, on February 5, 2009 at 3:10 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. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss (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 290, 1/29/2009

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 290

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:06 Sen. Verdell Jackson (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 290, Revise duties of energy and telecommunications interim committee.

[EXHIBIT\(ens27a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens27a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens27a03\)](#)

00:01:24 Sen. Moss entered the hearing.

00:01:49 Sen. Hawks entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:56 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

00:16:48 Mike Pichette, Northwestern Energy

Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(ens27a04\)](#) Pertaining to the hearing on energy permitting.

[EXHIBIT\(ens27a05\)](#) Pertaining to the hearing on energy permitting.

[EXHIBIT\(ens27a06\)](#) Pertaining to the hearing on energy permitting.

[EXHIBIT\(ens27a07\)](#) Pertaining to underground storage for energy.

[EXHIBIT\(ens27a08\)](#) Pertaining to SB 257.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:36 Sen. Hawks

00:18:17 Sen. Jackson

00:19:51 Sen. Hawks

00:21:04 Sen. Jackson

00:21:31 Chairman Black

00:21:38 Sen. Hawks

00:21:41 Sonja Nowakowski

00:22:59 Sen. Erickson

00:23:57 Sen. Jackson

00:29:03 Chairman Black

00:29:17 Sen. Jackson

00:29:46 Chairman Black

00:29:59 Sen. Jackson

00:31:17 Chairman Black

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:46 Sen. Jackson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ens27aad.pdf](#))