

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jerry W. Black, on February 10, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Black, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
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. Roy Brown (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 355, 2/5/2009

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 355

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 355, Facilitate community connection to internet.

[EXHIBIT\(ens31a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens31a02\)](#)

00:06:54 Sen. Brown entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:42 James Cox, Computer Geex, Butte

00:14:42 David Shaw, Stellar Computer, Havre

00:17:36 Cindy Palmer, volunteer in the Senate and small business owner from Geyser

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:38 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

00:27:05 David Gibson, Quest Communications

00:27:21 Sen. Esp left the hearing.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:01 Sen. Gebhardt

00:33:42 Sen. Moss

[EXHIBIT\(ens31a03\)](#)

00:34:12 Sen. Gebhardt

00:34:52 Sen. Moss

00:36:43 Sen. Gebhardt

00:37:01 Sen. Moss

00:37:38 Sen. Hawks

00:38:19 Sen. Moss

00:39:37 Sen. Erickson

00:40:11 David Gibson

00:41:21 Sen. Erickson

00:41:49 David Gibson

00:42:56 Sen. Erickson

00:43:36 Sen. Moss

00:44:37 Sen. Erickson

00:45:16 Sen. Moss

00:45:42 Marty Tuttle, Department of Commerce

00:46:40 Sen. Erickson
00:46:42 Marty Tuttle
00:47:10 Sen. Erickson
00:47:31 Marty Tuttle
00:48:27 Sen. Lewis
00:49:23 Sen. Moss
00:49:45 Sen. Tropila
00:51:38 Geoff Feiss
00:52:39 Sen. Tropila
00:53:09 David Gibson
00:53:11 Sen. Tropila
00:54:51 David Gibson
00:56:36 Sen. Tropila
00:57:28 David Gibson
00:59:08 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:59:34 Sen. Moss
00:59:40 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:59:56 Sen. Moss
01:00:01 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:00:02 Sen. Moss
01:00:06 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:00:50 Marty Tuttle
01:02:00 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:02:21 Marty Tuttle
01:02:27 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:03:04 Marty Tuttle
01:03:29 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:03:51 David Shaw
01:03:52 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:04:08 David Shaw
01:04:56 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:05:06 David Shaw
01:05:34 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:05:55 David Shaw
01:06:37 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:06:51 David Shaw
01:07:21 Sen. Curtiss
01:08:02 Geoff Feiss
01:09:12 Sen. Gebhardt
01:10:05 David Shaw
01:10:19 Sen. Gebhardt
01:10:39 David Shaw
01:11:07 Sen. Gebhardt
01:11:16 David Shaw
01:11:18 Sen. Gebhardt
01:11:40 David Shaw
01:11:45 Sen. Gebhardt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:06 Sen. Moss

EXHIBIT (ens31a04)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:21 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ens31aad.pdf](#))