

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jerry W. Black, on March 5, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A 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. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mitch Tropila (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 498, 2/24/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 498

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 Sen. Keith Bales (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 498, Establish laws governing carbon sequestration.

[EXHIBIT\(ens49a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens49a02\)](#)

00:05:01 Sen. Tropila entered the hearing.

00:16:21 Sonja Nowakowski

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:16 Leo Berry, representing Great Northern Properties and Great Northern Project Development

00:22:41 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:23:42 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana

00:25:16 Todd O'Hair, Rio Tinto Energy America

00:28:53 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

00:29:31 Candace Payne, Southern Montana Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative

00:31:38 Mack Cole, Montanans for Responsible Energy Development (MRED)

00:32:50 William Duffield, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGC)

00:33:34 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

00:34:45 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:35:19 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:31 Mike Volesky, Governor's Office

[EXHIBIT\(ens49a03\)](#)

00:47:09 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(ens49a04\)](#)

00:53:43 Matt Leow, representing Northern Plains Resource Council

00:56:48 Kevin Olp, Montana Conservation Voters

Informational Testimony:

00:57:45 Tom Richmond, Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (MBOGC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:04 Sen. Erickson
01:01:44 Sen. Bales
01:02:50 Sen. Erickson
01:03:28 Sen. Bales
01:05:28 Sen. Erickson
01:05:50 Sen. Bales
01:07:39 Sen. Erickson
01:08:06 Sen. Gebhardt
01:08:32 Tom Richmond
01:09:26 Sen. Gebhardt
01:09:44 Tom Richmond
01:10:57 Sen. Gebhardt
01:11:16 Tom Richmond
01:14:17 Sen. Hawks
01:15:45 Sen. Bales
01:18:12 Sen. Hawks
01:18:55 Sen. Bales
01:19:46 Sen. Hawks
01:20:21 Sen. Bales
01:22:32 Sen. Hawks
01:23:01 Sen. Bales
01:23:44 Sen. Brown
01:24:41 Mike Volesky
01:26:04 Sen. Brown
01:26:56 Mike Volesky
01:28:18 Sen. Brown
01:28:57 Matt Leow
01:29:29 Sen. Brown
01:30:03 Tom Richmond
01:30:50 Sen. Moss
01:31:26 Tom Richmond
01:33:01 Sen. Moss
01:33:53 Sen. Bales
01:34:52 Sen. Moss
01:35:26 Sen. Bales
01:36:10 Sen. Moss
01:36:23 Sen. Erickson
01:38:45 Sen. Bales
01:40:25 Sen. Lewis
01:40:55 Tom Richmond
01:45:03 Sen. Curtiss
01:45:27 Sen. Erickson
01:45:45 Sen. Curtiss
01:46:00 Kyla Wiens
01:46:13 Sen. Curtiss
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01:56:30 Sen. Curtiss
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01:57:11 Chairman Black
01:57:24 Tom Richmond
01:58:17 Sen. Erickson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:46 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:07 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ens49aad.pdf](#))