

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jerry W. Black, on March 31, 2009 at 3:20 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. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None

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: HB 333, 3/26/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 333

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 333, Fund geothermal research and development.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:35 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy
[EXHIBIT \(ens71a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:06 Edmond Deal, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)
[EXHIBIT \(ens71a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:21 Chairman Black
00:16:32 Edmund Deal
00:17:35 John Metesh, MBMG
00:17:40 Chairman Black
00:17:44 John Metesh
00:20:38 Chairman Black
00:20:50 John Metesh
00:21:28 Chairman Black
00:21:38 John Metesh
00:22:46 Chairman Black
00:22:54 John Metesh
00:23:30 Sen. Moss
00:24:01 Edmond Deal
00:24:56 Sen. Moss
00:25:09 John Metesh
00:25:57 Sen. Hawks
00:26:34 John Metesh
00:27:08 Sen. Lewis left the hearing.
00:28:07 Sen. Curtiss
00:28:41 John Metesh
00:29:33 Sen. Curtiss
00:29:52 John Metesh
00:30:23 Sen. Curtiss
00:30:36 John Metesh
00:30:58 Sen. Curtiss
00:31:15 John Metesh
00:31:50 Chairman Black

00:32:01 John Metesh

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:53 Rep. Noonan

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE MEETINGS

00:34:05 Chairman Black
00:35:44 Sonya Nowakowski
00:36:29 Chairman Black
00:36:33 Sonya Nowakowski
00:37:00 Sen. Gebhardt
00:37:09 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:37:22 Sonya Nowakowski
00:37:42 Chairman Black

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ens71aad.pdf](#))