

MINUTES

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

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jerry W. Black, on April 7, 2009 at 3:20 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. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
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: SR 30, 3/30/2009; SR 31, 3/30/2009
Executive Action: SR 30, SR 31

HEARING ON SR 30

00:01:16 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office
00:02:25 Chairman Black stepped down to present the nominees as sponsor and Vice Chairman Curtiss took the position as Chair.

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:29 Sen. Jerry Black (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SR 30, Confirm nominee, Rhonda Whiting, to Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

EXHIBIT (ens76a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:16 Evan Barrett
00:03:28 Rhonda Whiting, Northwest Power and Conservation Council

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:03 Sen. Erickson
00:10:00 Rhonda Whiting
00:11:34 Sen. Erickson
00:11:47 Rhonda Whiting
00:13:22 Sen. Gebhardt
00:14:15 Rhonda Whiting
00:14:17 Sen. Gebhardt
00:14:22 Rhonda Whiting
00:17:19 Sen. Gebhardt
00:18:34 Vice Chairman Curtiss
00:19:08 Rhonda Whiting
00:20:55 Vice Chairman Curtiss
00:21:39 Rhonda Whiting

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:05 Chairman Black

HEARING ON SR 31**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:41 Sen. Jerry Black (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SR 31, Confirm nominee, Bruce Measure, to Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

EXHIBIT (ens76a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:06 Evan Barrett
00:24:18 Chairman Black
00:24:34 Bruce Measure, Northwest Power and Conservation Council
00:33:27 Sen. Erickson
00:33:59 Bruce Measure
00:35:50 Sen. Erickson
00:36:13 Bruce Measure

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:54 Vice Chairman Curtiss
00:38:09 Bruce Measure
00:40:59 Vice Chairman Curtiss
00:41:40 Bruce Measure
00:44:30 Vice Chairman Curtiss
00:44:44 Bruce Measure

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:49 Chairman Black

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT (ens76a03)

00:46:58 Chairman Black took the position as Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 30

00:47:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Black moved that **SR 30 BE ADOPTED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Sens. Esp, Hawks, Lewis and Tropila voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 31

00:48:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Black moved that **SR 31 BE ADOPTED.**
MOTION CARRIED unanimously by voice vote with Sens.
Esp, Hawks, Lewis and Tropila voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ens76aad.pdf](#))