

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Harry Klock, on January 12, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Harry Klock, Chairman (R)
Rep. Keith Regier, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Cara Gold, 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 59, 1/7/2011; HB 78, 1/7/2011; HB 198, 1/7/2011

00:00:01 The Chair welcomed everyone and reviewed the rules of the committee.

HEARING ON HB 59

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:27 Rep. Tony Belcourt (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 59, Revise renewable portfolio standard to include hydropower expansions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:34 David Hoffman, Pennsylvania Power and Light Montana (PPL)

EXHIBIT(feh09a01)

00:03:02 Rep. Driscoll left the hearing.

00:03:55 Annie Glover, A Confederation of the Salish Tribes

EXHIBIT(feh09a02)

00:04:45 Rep. Driscoll returned to the hearing.

00:05:44 J.D Lynch, Montana State Building and Construction Trade

00:06:27 Senator Jonathan Windy Boy, District 16

00:06:48 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Center

00:08:44 Beth Kaeding, Northern Plains Resource Council

00:10:42 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives

00:11:00 Mona Jamison, Gaelectric North America Inc.

00:12:15 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:12:48 Jessie Luther, Montana Contractors Association

00:13:11 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

00:14:01 Dan Flynn, Electrical Workers IBEW Local 44

00:14:21 Patrick Heffernan, Montana Wood Products Association

00:14:50 Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority

00:16:09 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

00:16:37 Rep. Boland left the hearing.

00:17:00 Sarah Sather, Montana Public Interest Group

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:17:58 Rep. Boland returned to the hearing.

00:18:01 Brad Molnar, Public Service Commissioner, (PSC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:15 Rep. Phillips
00:21:37 Rep. Belcourt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:15 Rep. Belcourt

HEARING ON HB 78

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:57 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 78, Clarify the definition of "local owner" in Renewable Portfolio Standard.

00:24:15 Rep. Driscoll left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:30 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commissioner, District 1

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:03 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 198

00:28:04 Rep. Driscoll returned to the hearing.

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:13 Rep. Ken Peterson (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 198, Generally revise eminent domain laws.

00:30:38 Rep. Menahan entered the hearing.

00:31:04 Rep. Regier left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:10 John Alke, Montana Daktoa Utilities Resources Group Inc. (MDU)
[EXHIBIT\(feh09a03\)](#)

00:50:03 Rep. Stahl entered the hearing.

00:54:19 Rep. Hollandsworth, HD 28

00:55:29 Rep. Skees left the hearing.

00:57:02 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy
[EXHIBIT\(feh09a04\)](#)

01:00:12 Rep. Skees returned to the hearing.

01:03:57 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

01:04:44 Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority

01:06:54 Sarah Converse, Sweetgrass Development

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a05\)](#)

01:07:11 Rep. O'Hara left the hearing.

01:07:55 Dan Flynn, Electrical Workers IBEW, Local 44

01:08:20 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:08:59 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls and Helena Chamber of Commerce

01:10:02 Aimee Grmoljez, Renewable Northwest Product

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:47 Heartha Lund, Lund Law (Landowner for Fair Condemnation)

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a09\)](#)

01:11:33 Rep. Knox entered the hearing.

01:20:58 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a10\)](#)

01:23:17 Senator Jonathan Windy Boy, District 16

01:23:52 Rep. MacLaren left the hearing.

01:24:59 Larry Salois, Self and Shirley Salois

01:26:25 Rep. Regier returned to the hearing.

01:27:16 Rep. MacLaren returned to the hearing.

01:27:56 Tom Lithgoe, Jefferson County Commissioner

01:32:43 Bob Haseman, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a11\)](#)

01:36:24 Beth Kaeding, Northern Plain Resource Council

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a12\)](#)

01:36:42 Rep. O'Hara returned to the hearing.

01:38:04 Bill Petrovish, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a13\)](#)

01:42:15 Charles (Chuck) Wideman, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a14\)](#)

01:42:36 Dave Wood, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a15\)](#)

01:42:49 Chris Stephens, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a16\)](#)

01:43:00 Bruce Maurer, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a17\)](#)

01:43:12 Jim Sheffels, Sheffels Farms, Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a18\)](#)

01:43:30 Marie Garrison, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a19\)](#)

01:43:52 Susan Pullman, Self

01:44:04 Katherine Ord, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a20\)](#)

01:44:20 Denise Thompson, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a21\)](#)

01:44:41 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

01:44:54 Steven Dahlman, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a22\)](#)

01:45:17 Tim Ravendahl, Lewis and Clark Tea Party Group

01:45:34 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Cattle Women

01:45:54 Leona Somerfeld, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a23\)](#)

01:46:24 Coleen Teeling, Self and Aspen Valley Owners Association

01:46:53 Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commission

01:47:14 John Hahn, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a24\)](#)

01:47:27 Curt Diehl, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a25\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a26\)](#)

01:47:35 Tim Garrison, Self

01:47:47 John McDermot, Self

01:47:58 Don Kronenberger, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a27\)](#)

01:48:13 Marty Bennett, Self

01:48:25 Eric Riley, Montana Farmers Union

01:48:42 Ron Laubach, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a28\)](#)

01:49:04 Trudie Dawson, Self

01:49:22 Chuck Hahn, Self

EXHIBIT(feh09a29)

01:49:48 Leslie Thomas, Self

01:50:08 Micki Vardell, Self

EXHIBIT(feh09a30)

EXHIBIT(feh09a31)

01:50:30 Chad Lemkey, Self

01:50:54 Debbie Hanneman, Self

Informational Testimony:

01:51:24 Cynthia Johnson, Pondera County Commissioner

01:52:17 Michael DeRosier, Glacier County Commissioner

01:57:05 Rep. Driscoll left the hearing.

01:57:41 Tye Cobb, Self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:51 Rep. Knox

02:02:18 Rep. Driscoll returned to the hearing.

02:02:43 Larry Salois

02:02:54 Heartha Lund

02:03:17 Rep. Menahan

02:05:13 John Alke

02:05:24 Rep. Menahan

02:05:32 John Alke

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:20 Rep. Peterson

02:12:09 The Chairman thanked the committee and the public for a good hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

02:12:35 Adjournment:

Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(feh09a32\)](#)

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh09aad.pdf](#))