

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Bill Beck, on January 25, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Beck, Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Alan Olson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
Christine Holtin-Brus, Governor's Office
Cheryl Pesta, 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:

Department of Commerce Hearing

Business Resources Division:

00:01:02 Quinn Holzer, LFD

00:02:16 Andy Poole, Division Administrator Department of Commerce (COM)

EXHIBIT(jgh19a01)

00:06:55 Sen. Olson entered the room.

00:13:42 Sen. Wanzenried left the room.

00:17:40 Sen. Wanzenried returned.

00:41:46 Rep. Edmunds left the room.

00:45:29 Rep. McChesney entered the room.

00:50:38 Rep. Edmunds returned.

Questions from Committee:

01:06:37 Rep. Beck

01:07:43 Mr. Poole

01:08:02 Rep. Beck

01:08:27 Mr. Poole

01:09:34 Rep. Beck

01:09:50 Mr. Poole

01:10:50 Rep. Beck

01:11:22 Mr. Poole

01:12:45 Rep. Beck

01:13:26 Mr. Poole

01:14:33 Rep. Beck

01:14:59 Mr. Poole

01:15:39 Rep. McChesney

01:16:24 Sen. Buttrey

01:16:56 Mr. Poole

01:17:14 Sen. Olson

01:17:36 Mr. Poole

01:18:36 Rep. Edmunds

01:19:09 Mr. Poole

01:19:39 Rep. McChesney

01:19:53 Sen. Olson left the room.

01:20:02 Mr. Poole

01:20:25 Rep. McChesney

01:20:36 Mr. Poole

01:21:20 Rep. McChesney

Energy Promotion and Development Division:

01:22:37 Quinn Holzer, LFD

01:23:00 Tom Kaiserski, Program Manager, Energy Promotion and Development Division,
COM

EXHIBIT(jgh19a02)

01:25:25 Sen. Olson returned.

01:46:03 Sen. Wanzenried left the room.

Questions from Committee:

01:55:45 Rep. Beck

01:56:06 Mr. Kaiserski

01:57:32 Rep. Beck
01:57:47 Mr. Kaiserski
01:57:59 Sen. Wanzenried returned.
01:59:09 Rep. Beck
01:59:15 Mr. Kaiserski
01:59:30 Rep. Beck
01:59:42 Mr. Kaiserski
02:01:57 Rep. Beck
02:02:11 Mr. Kaiserski
02:03:05 Rep. Beck
02:03:43 Mr. Kaiserski
02:04:41 Rep. Edmunds
02:05:15 Mr. Kaiserski
02:06:47 Rep. Edmunds
02:07:26 Mr. Kaiserski
02:08:04 Rep. McChesney
02:11:57 Sen. Olson
02:12:59 Mr. Kaiserski
02:13:53 Sen. Olson
02:14:11 Mr. Kaiserski
02:15:29 Sen. Olson
02:15:43 Mr. Kaiserski

Public Comment:

02:17:44 Michael Kline, Amber Energy of Australia
02:22:19 Steve Lozar, Tribal Councilman from the Salish Kootenai Tribe
[**EXHIBIT\(jgh19a03\)**](#)
02:25:19 Johan Vanthof, Chief Executive Officer of Tonbridge Power, Alberta, Canada
02:30:24 Paul Rumelhart, Kootenai River Development
[**EXHIBIT\(jgh19a04\)**](#)
02:32:41 Bill Alexander, NaturEner USA
[**EXHIBIT\(jgh19a05\)**](#)
02:34:49 Carl Borgquist, Grasslands Renewable Energy
02:38:49 Rep. Beck
02:38:57 Ken Morrison, TransCanada
[**EXHIBIT\(jgh19a06\)**](#)
02:41:15 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Wind Group
[**EXHIBIT\(jgh19a07\)**](#)
02:43:14 Leslie Messer, Richland Economic Development
02:44:36 Wade Jacobsen, Turnbull Hydro
[**EXHIBIT\(jgh19a08\)**](#)
02:47:06 Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority
02:50:36 Major Robinson, President, Redstone Consulting
[**EXHIBIT\(jgh19a09\)**](#)
02:54:37 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance
[**EXHIBIT\(jgh19a10\)**](#)
02:55:10 Sen. Olson left the room.
02:58:29 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Towns
03:01:37 Tom Jacobson, Rural Dynamics, Inc.

03:03:18 Dick King, President, Missoula Area Development

[EXHIBIT\(jgh19a11\)](#)

03:05:50 Maria Valandra, First Interstate Bank, Chair of Montana Indian Alliance

03:09:42 David Glaser, President, Montana Community Development Corp.

[EXHIBIT\(jgh19a12\)](#)

03:10:00 Rep McChesney left the room.

03:12:18 Paul Tuss, President Bear Paw Economic Development

03:13:13 Rep. Beck

03:13:28 Jim Davison, President, Montana Economic Development Association (MEDA)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh19a13\)](#)

03:14:30 Rep. McChesney returned.

03:14:41 Earl Dodd, President/ CEO, Rocky Montana Supercomputing Centers

[EXHIBIT\(jgh19a14\)](#)

03:18:00 Patty Dean, Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation

[EXHIBIT\(jgh19a15\)](#)

03:19:15 Sen. Wanzonried left the room.

03:21:08 Terry Myhre, President, Montana Business Assistance Connection

03:22:07 Ron Klaphake, Board member with Stevensville Main Street Organization

03:23:50 Tim Guardipee, Rural Dynamics, Inc.

03:26:21 Rick Edwards, Chair of MEDA Committee

03:27:10 Reis Fisher, Blackfeet Tribal Council

[EXHIBIT\(jgh19a16\)](#)

03:28:16 Billie Lee, Lake County Community Development

03:29:50 Eleanor YellowRobe, Indian Equity Fund recipient

[EXHIBIT\(jgh19a17\)](#)

03:33:24 Michelle Fox, Ft. Belknap Indian Community

03:34:31 Shawn Milburn, Representing the Crow Nation

03:38:02 Jim Atchison, Executive Director, Southeastern Development in Montana

03:39:29 Heather Sobrepena-George, Indian Country Economic Development Program

[EXHIBIT\(jgh19a18\)](#)

03:40:10 Gibson Hartwell, Ecosystem Research Group

03:41:46 Jason Smith, State Tribal Economic Development Program

03:42:20 Rep. Beck

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:42:29

Cheryl Pesta, Secretary

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EXHIBIT([jgh19a19](#))

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jgh19aad.pdf](#))