

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Alan Olson, on March 22, 2011 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Alan Olson, Chair (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Bob Lake (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch
Liane Taylor, Committee Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 237

00:02:53 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 237 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:03:35 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 237 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(ens64a01)

Discussion:

00:04:03 Sonja Nowakowski, Legal Services Division, (LSD)

00:04:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:04:55 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 237 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:05:19 Sen. Erickson

00:05:40 Chairman Olson

00:05:44 Sen. Tropila

00:07:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 with Sens. Augare, Erickson, Moss, Tropila and Van Dyk voting no and Sens. Essmann and Vincent voting by proxy. Sen. Priest will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 295

00:08:41 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 295 BE CONCURRED IN.**
EXHIBIT(ens64a02)

00:09:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Augare moved that **HB 295 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Sens. Essmann and Vincent voting by proxy.

00:10:29 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 295 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(ens64a03)
EXHIBIT(ens64a04)

Discussion:

00:11:54 Sen. Olson

00:11:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Sens. Essmann and Vincent voting by proxy.

00:12:20 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 295 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

00:12:37 **Motion:** Sen. Walker moved that **HB 295 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:13:20 Sen. Walker
00:13:50 Chairman Olson

00:13:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Sens. Essmann and Vincent voting by proxy.

00:14:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 295 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Essmann and Sen. Vincent voted by proxy. Sen. Lake will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 291

00:15:17 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 291 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:15:47 **Motion:** Sen. Augare moved that **HB 291 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(ens64a05\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(ens64a06\)](#)

Discussion:

00:16:03 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

00:16:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Senators Essmann and Vincent voting by proxy.

00:16:57 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 291 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

00:17:05 **Motion:** Sen. Augare moved that **HB 291 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:17:23 Sen. Augare

00:17:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Sen. Walker voting no and Senators Essmann and Vincent voting by proxy.

00:17:48 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 291 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:18:07 Sen. Lake
00:19:14 Sen. Olson
00:19:18 Sen. Lake

00:19:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-3 by roll call vote with Senators Lake, Priest and Walker voting no and Senators Essmann and Vincent voting by proxy. Sen. Keane will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 593

00:20:52 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 593 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:21:10 **Motion:** Sen. Erickson moved that **HB 593 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(ens64a07)

Discussion:

00:21:54 Sonja Nowakowski
 00:23:24 Sen. Erickson
 00:29:19 Chairman Olson
 00:29:27 Sen. Jackson
 00:30:14 Sen. Erickson
 00:30:55 Sen. Jackson
 00:31:14 Sen. Erickson
 00:31:39 Sen. Priest
 00:33:05 Sen. Erickson
 00:33:15 Sen. Walker
 00:34:10 Sen. Priest
 00:34:16 Sen. Erickson
 00:35:06 Sen. Walker
 00:39:41 Sen. Moss
 00:39:44 Sen. Olson
 00:39:49 Sen. Tropila
 00:42:21 Chairman Olson
 00:42:44 Sen. Tropila
 00:44:46 Chairman Olson
 00:47:49 Sen. Tropila
 00:48:06 Sen. Lake
 00:49:39 Sen. Augare
 00:50:27 Sen. Erickson

00:52:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Senators Jackson, Essmann, Lake, Vincent and Olson voting no, and Senators Essmann and Vincent voting by proxy.

00:53:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Erickson moved that **HB 593 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Walker will carry HB 593.

Committee Business:

00:54:32 Sen. Olson
 00:55:03 Sen. Erickson
 00:55:06 Sen. Olson

ADJOURNMENT

00:55:33 Adjournment:

Liane Taylor, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens64aad.pdf](#))