

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on February 22, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Roger A. Hagan (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Doug Kary (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Molly Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 11, 2/15/2013

Executive Action: HB 475, 477; HJ 11; SB 164

00:46:45 Rep. O'Hara

HEARING ON HJ 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:06 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HJ 11, Legislative resolution on energy.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:44 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

EXHIBIT(feh40a01)

00:50:30 Rep. Kary entered.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:12 Rep. McNally

00:57:30 Rep. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:49 Rep. Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 475

00:58:26 **Motion:** Rep. McNally moved that **HB 475 DO PASS.**

Discussion

00:58:49 Rep. Swanson

00:59:42 Rep. Boland

01:00:11 Rep. McNally

01:01:31 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. McNally, Rep. Peppers and Rep. Steenberg voting aye.

01:02:27 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Knudsen moved that **HB 475 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 477

01:03:01 **Motion:** Rep. Berry moved that **HB 477 DO PASS.**

Discussion

01:03:25 Hope Stockwell, LSD

EXHIBIT(feh40a02)

EXHIBIT(feh40a03)

01:05:46 **Motion:** Rep. Berry moved that **HB 477 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion

01:06:05 Rep. Zolnikov left.
01:06:10 Rep. Berry
01:09:12 Rep. Kary
01:10:06 Rep. Knudsen
01:10:31 Rep. Berry
01:11:08 Rep. Knudsen
01:11:17 Rep. Berry
01:11:24 Rep. McNally
01:11:51 Rep. Berry
01:11:56 Rep. McNally
01:11:59 Rep. Berry

01:12:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Kary voting no. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

01:13:30 **Motion:** Rep. Berry moved that **HB 477 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion

01:13:41 Rep. Boland
01:14:05 Rep. Hagan
01:15:00 Rep. Lang
01:15:30 Rep. Berry
01:16:33 Gary Forrester, Director, Government Affairs, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)
01:17:17 Rep. Berry
01:17:29 Chair Regier
01:17:45 Rep. Berry
01:18:14 Rep. McNally

01:19:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Kary, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Lang and Rep. Regier voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 11

01:20:02 **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **HJ 11 DO PASS.**

Discussion

01:20:21 Rep. Boland
01:20:56 Chair Regier

01:20:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

Discussion

01:21:25 Rep. McNally
01:21:34 Chair Regier
01:21:44 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
01:22:13 Chair Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 164

01:24:18 **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **SB 164 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion

01:24:41 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

01:25:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:26:06

Molly Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh40aad.pdf](#))