

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Olson, on February 5, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Alan Olson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Jason Priest (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

**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: SB 180, 1/23/2013

**HEARING ON SB 180****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:47 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 180, Revise eminent domain laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:16:27 Peter Scott, representing Concerned Citizens of Montana (CCM)

**[EXHIBIT\(ens25a01\)](#)**

00:25:29 Leonard Wortman, Chairman, Jefferson County Commission (JCC)

00:28:10 Lee Bruner, representing himself

00:30:32 John Vincent, representing himself

00:35:09 Bob Haseman, representing himself

00:37:58 Bruce Maurer, representing himself

**[EXHIBIT\(ens25a02\)](#)**

00:40:21 Larry Salois, representing himself

00:42:32 Larry Feight, representing himself

00:46:34 Steve Jennings, President, Beaverhead Outdoors Association (BOA)

**[EXHIBIT\(ens25a03\)](#)**

00:48:05 Butch Gillespie, representing himself

00:50:15 Beth Kaeding, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

**[EXHIBIT\(ens25a04\)](#)**

00:52:14 Dan Happel, Madison County Commissioner (MCC)

00:53:28 William Gavin, representing himself

00:54:45 Tim Ravndal, representing himself

00:56:14 Rachel Roberts, representing herself

00:58:11 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

00:58:56 Marie Garrison, representing herself

01:00:44 Charles Wideman, representing himself

**[EXHIBIT\(ens25a05\)](#)**

01:09:03 Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, representing himself

01:11:01 Will Dubrul, representing himself

01:12:05 Debra Hanneman, representing herself

**[EXHIBIT\(ens25a06\)](#)**

01:12:51 Colleen Teeling, representing herself

01:14:32 Don Hart, representing himself

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:16:28 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a07\)](#)

01:31:34 John Alke, representing Montana Dakota Utilities Company (MDUC)

01:41:51 Tom Ebzery, representing Century Link

01:45:04 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

01:45:25 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

01:45:54 Chris Cavazos, Co-Director, Montana AFLCIO

01:46:30 Leo Barry, representing Great Northern Properties (GNP)

01:47:22 Rhonda Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce (GFCC), Helena Chamber of Commerce (HCC)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:49:12 Brad Molnar, representing himself

01:50:34 Jim Jensen, Executive Director, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:51:21 Sen. Jergeson

01:53:04 Mr. Scott, CCM

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:53:27 Sen. Barrett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:50 p.m.

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT([ens25aad.pdf](#))**