

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Alan Olson, on March 12, 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: HB 188, 2/26/2013; HB 256, 3/06/2013

HEARING ON HB 256

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:29 Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 256, Revise landowner notification requirements under MFSA.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:20 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:21:15 Darryl James, Enbridge Energy (EE), MATL Transmission Line Project

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:27 Leo Berry, representing Great Northern Properties (GNP)

Informational Testimony:

00:28:42 Warren McCullough, Chief of Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:25 Sen. Tropila

00:30:02 Rep. Hoven

00:30:10 Sen. Tropila

00:31:49 Mr. McCullough, DEQ

00:32:02 Sen. Larsen

00:33:14 Rep. Hoven

00:34:09 Sen. Kaufmann

00:34:30 Mr. Elliott, NPRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:53 Rep. Hoven

HEARING ON HB 188

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:14 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 188, Revise qualifying small power production facility laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:02 John Fitzpatrick, representing NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

[EXHIBIT\(ens53a01\)](#)

00:58:25 Bill Gallagher, Chairman, representing himself

[EXHIBIT\(ens53a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:43 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)
EXHIBIT(ens53a03)

01:13:50 Sen. Priest left the hearing.

01:21:36 Mike Uda, representing himself

01:29:50 Sen. Priest entered the meeting.

01:30:21 Sen. Priest left the meeting.

01:33:36 Richard Moe, Chairman, Wheatland County Commission (WCC)
EXHIBIT(ens53a04)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:00 Sen. Larsen
01:37:25 Mr. Moe, WCC
01:37:44 Sen. Arthun
01:39:38 Mr. Fitzpatrick, NWE
01:40:29 Sen. Arthun
01:40:55 Mr. Gallagher, self
01:41:36 Chairman Olson
01:45:23 Mr. Uda, self
01:46:21 Sen. Jackson
01:48:26 Mr. Moe
01:48:36 Sen. Jergeson
01:51:25 Mr. Gallagher

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:57 Rep. Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens53aad.pdf](#))