

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on January 7, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

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 16, 12/31/2014

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a04\)](#)

Introduction of committee members

00:01:30 Chairman Lang
00:02:00 Rep. Zolnikov
00:02:23 Rep. Steenberg
00:02:45 Rep. Berry
00:03:10 Rep. Pinocci
00:03:18 Rep. D. Moore
00:03:30 Rep. Lynch
00:03:45 Rep. Schreiner
00:04:12 Rep. Richmond
00:04:41 Rep. Pope
00:05:19 Rep. Welborn
00:05:51 Rep. Person
00:06:17 Rep. Custer
00:06:55 Rep. Perry
00:07:21 Chairman Lang
00:08:49 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:09:52 Chairman Lang

00:10:31_ **Motion/Vote:** Rep. D. Moore moved that **THE COMMITTEE ADOPT THE DRAFT COMMITTEE RULES BE ADOPTED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:10:47 Chair Lang
00:11:24 Rep. Richmond
00:12:04 Rep. Welborn

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a06\)](#)

00:14:05 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:17:12 Chairman Lang
00:18:33 Laura Andersen, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:19:40 Kirk Bushman, Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a08\)](#)

00:22:56 Jennifer Anders, Northwest Power Conservation Council (NWPCC)
00:25:29 Pat Smith, Northwest Power Conservation Council (NWPCC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a09\)](#)

00:28:02 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

HEARING ON HB 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:01 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 16, Repeal the Montana low-income telephone assistance program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:35 Kirk Bushman, Public Service Commissioner (PSC)

00:37:24 Phil Grate, Century Link`

00:39:33 Kirk Bushman, Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh03a10\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:40:25 Kathy Quittenton, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:40:46 Geoff Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:50 Rep. Steenberg Question

00:42:00 Kirk Bushman, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:43 Rep. Regier

00:43:24 Rep. Berry

00:43:39 Chair Lang

00:44:22

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh03aad.pdf](#))