

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on January 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Rep. Tom Steenberg, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (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 42, 1/2/2015; HB 61, 1/2/2015

00:01:03 Chairman Lang
00:02:05 Hope Stockwell, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a01\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:32 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 42, Revise certain public service commission hearing and notice requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:11 Bob Lake, Public Service Commission (PSC)
00:05:48 Rep. Pinocci Enters

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:36 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)
00:11:44 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:16 Rep. Zolnikov
00:14:25 John MacDonald, MNA
00:15:52 Rep. Zolnikov
00:15:58 Bob Lake, PSC
00:17:45 Rep. Richmond
00:17:51 Bob Lake, PSC
00:18:20 Jason Brown, Public Service Commission (PSC)
00:18:44 Rep. Richmond
00:19:00 Jason Brown, PSC
00:19:26 Chairman Lang
00:19:28 John Fitzpatrick, NWE
00:19:55 Rep. Pope
00:19:59 Bob Lake, PSC
00:21:52 Jason Brown, PSC
00:22:25 Rep. Berry
00:22:32 John Fitzpatrick, NWE

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:59 Rep. Greef

00:27:58 Chairman Lang passes the meeting to Vice Chairman Zolnikov

HEARING ON HB 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:51 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 61, Revise and update railroad laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:19 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:06 Rep. Lang

00:41:10 Vice Chairman Zolnikov

00:41:14 Rep. Richmond

00:42:05 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:42:53 Vice Chairman Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

00:44:08

Adjournment:

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh05aad.pdf](#))