

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on January 23, 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 190, 1/13/2015; HB 243, 1/13/2015

HEARING ON HB 190

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 190, Eliminate certain automatic utility rate adjustments for taxes and fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:53 Brad Johnson, Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh15a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh15a02\)](#)

00:10:24 Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Council (MCC)

00:15:26 Greg Jergeson, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:02 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

[EXHIBIT\(feh15a03\)](#)

00:41:32 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

00:45:47 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:37 Rep. Steenberg

00:49:27 Brad Johnson, PSC

00:49:40 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission (PSC)

00:50:36 Rep. Custer

00:51:06 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:53:17 Rep. Pinocci

00:53:42 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:55:21 Rep. Pope

00:55:49 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:58:18 Rep. D. Moore

00:58:48 Harold Blattie, MACO

00:59:07 Chairman Lang

00:59:50 John Fitzpatrick, NWE

01:01:28 Rep. D. Moore

01:01:57 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:07 Rep. Woods

01:07:06 Recess

01:14:30 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:47 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 243, Full public disclosure of hydraulic fracking fluid chemicals.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:56 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
01:22:36 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT(feh15a04)

01:26:53 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
01:27:42 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon and Montana Trout Unlimited
01:30:33 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:31:15 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

EXHIBIT(feh15a05)

01:44:22 Alan Olsen, Self
01:48:20 Denis Iverson, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA)
01:49:39 Gary Forrester, Fidelity Exploration and Production

Informational Testimony:

01:50:44 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:09 Rep. D. Moore
01:52:20 Alan Olson, Self
01:52:32 Rep. D. Moore
01:53:02 Alan Olson, Self
01:56:00 Rep. Zolnikov
01:56:28 Alan Olson, Self
01:58:02 Rep. Zolnikov
01:58:15 Alan Olson, Self
01:58:28 Rep. Steenberg
01:59:06 Derf Johnson, MEIC
02:00:17 Rep. Zolnikov
02:00:41 Jessica Sena, MPA
02:01:18 Rep. Person
02:01:50 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:02:26 Rep. Person
02:02:34 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:03:17 Rep. Person
02:03:24 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:03:55 Rep. Custer
02:04:20 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:04:32 Rep. Custer
02:04:57 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:05:56 Rep. Pope
02:06:47 Derf Johnson, MEIC
02:07:51 Rep. Pope

02:08:34 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:08:58 Alan Olson, Self
02:14:06 Rep. Welborn
02:15:07 Denis Iverson, NMOGA
02:15:38 Rep. Person
02:15:52 Adam Haight, NPRC
02:16:11 Rep. Richmond
02:16:59 Rep. Dunwell
02:17:25 Rep. Richmond
02:18:20 Rep. Dunwell
02:18:38 Rep. Richmond
02:19:21 Rep. Dunwell
02:20:19 Rep. Richmond
02:21:11 Rep. Dunwell
02:21:47 Chairman Lang
02:21:56 Rep. Dunwell
02:22:09 Chairman Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:31 Rep. Dunwell

02:24:03 Chairman Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:24:37

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh15aad.pdf](#))