

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on January 26, 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. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
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. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)

**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 226, 1/20/2015

**HEARING ON HB 226**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:17 Rep. Tom Richmond (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 226, Revise oil and gas laws related to the oil and gas damage mitigation account.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:08 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)  
00:09:13 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
00:10:06 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:26 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas  
00:11:47 Ray Beck, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:29 Rep. Lynch  
00:12:50 Rep. Richmond  
00:14:34 Rep. Lynch  
00:14:45 Rep. Richmond  
00:16:09 Rep. Lynch  
00:16:21 Rep. Richmond  
00:17:57 Rep. Lynch  
00:18:12 Rep. Richmond  
00:18:56 Chairman Lang  
00:19:00 Rep. Richmond  
00:19:04 Chairman Lang  
00:19:08 Rep. Richmond  
00:19:51 Chairman Lang  
00:19:54 Rep. Richmond  
00:20:22 Ray Beck, DNRC  
00:21:36 Chairman Lang  
00:21:43 Ray Beck, DNRC

**EXHIBIT(feh17a01)**

00:22:40 Chairman Lang  
00:22:55 Ray Beck, DNRC  
00:23:07 Rep. Pope  
00:23:37 Rep. Richmond  
00:26:10 Rep. Pope  
00:26:25 Rep. Richmond  
00:27:02 Rep. Steenberg  
00:27:40 Ray Beck, DNRC  
00:28:32 Rep. Custer  
00:28:48 Chairman Lang  
00:28:56 Ray Beck, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:42 Rep. Richmond  
00:31:44 Chairman Lang

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:32:31

Adjournment:

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([feh17aad.pdf](#))**