

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on March 6, 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. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (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. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (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 559, 2/23/2015; SB 249, 2/23/2015

EXHIBIT(feh47a01)

00:00:02 Chairman Lang

HEARING ON SB 249

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:34 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 249, Generally revise energy performance contracting laws.

00:01:53 Rep. Lynch entered the hearing

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:26 Chris Batson, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

EXHIBIT(feh47a02)

00:12:41 Brian Solan, Ameresco Solar

00:14:11 Tim Tolman, McKinstry

EXHIBIT(feh47a03)

00:18:30 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:54 Rep. Richmond

00:20:56 Sen. Cohenour

00:21:24 Rep. Richmond

00:21:35 Sen. Cohenour

00:22:40 Chairman Lang

00:23:09 Sen. Cohenour

00:24:32 Rep. Steenberg

00:25:13 Sen. Cohenour

00:25:30 Brian Solan, Ameresco Solar

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:05 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 559

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:42 Rep. George Kipp (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 559, Promote Montana Indian languages.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:25 Sen. Windy Boy, SD 16
00:34:14 Sen. Whitford, SD 8
00:36:51 Jason Smith, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
00:38:54 Casey Lozar, Department of Commerce (DOC)
00:46:52 Eric Birdinground, Crow
00:50:27 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
00:51:15 Michael DesRosier, Glacier County Commissioner
00:56:57 John Murray, Self
00:57:25 Rep. Berry left the hearing
01:01:50 Clara Caufield, Self

EXHIBIT(feh47a04)

EXHIBIT(feh47a05)

01:11:07 Winfield S. Russell, Self
01:17:07 Burt Medicine Bull, Self

EXHIBIT(feh47a06)

01:20:44 Esana Basaaneeahush, Self
01:25:12 Nathaniel St. Pierre, Self
01:31:23 Dyanna Wilson, Self
01:41:58 Chairman Lang
01:42:08 Diana Wilson, Crow Tribe
01:48:28 Gerald J. Gray Sr., Self
01:50:18 Harry Barnes, Self
01:55:36 Richard Little Bear, Self
02:00:27 Vernon Finley, Self
02:06:09 Melinda Kipp, Self
02:06:24 Rep. Schreiner, HD 25
02:10:08 Crystal Laplant, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:12:10 Mike Jetty, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:55 Rep. Pope
02:13:22 Chairman Lang
02:14:04 Casey Lozar, DOC
02:14:58 Chairman Lang
02:15:27 Casey Lozar, DOC
02:17:01 Chairman Lang
02:17:28 Rep. Lynch
02:17:50 Sen. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

02:20:57 Rep. Kipp

02:32:43 Chairman Lang

ADJOURNMENT

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02:32:57

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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