

## MINUTES

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on March 9, 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. 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)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (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: SB 327, 2/23/2015; SB 321, 2/23/2015

00:00:02 Chairman Lang  
00:00:57 Rep. Welborn entered

### **HEARING ON SB 321**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:44 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 321, Generally revise energy laws.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:36 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Research Industry Association (TSRIA)  
00:05:33 Jessie Luther, Abaco Energy Services  
00:11:31 Mike Green, Boyne

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:16:49 Bob Lake, Public Services Commission (PSC)

#### **EXHIBIT(feh48a01)**

00:22:20 Jeremiah Langston, Public Service Commission (PSC)

00:28:59 Robert Orsello, Home Owners Association (HOA)

#### **EXHIBIT(feh48a02)**

00:36:44 Diane Bounty, Home Owners Association (HOA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:51 Rep. Person  
00:44:35 Bob Lake, PSC  
00:44:58 Rep. Pope  
00:45:26 Bob Lake, PSC  
00:45:45 Joel Tierney, Public Service Commission  
00:46:16 Rep. Pope  
00:46:32 Joel Tierney, PSC  
00:46:45 Rep. Pope  
00:46:56 Joel Tierney, PSC  
00:47:10 Rep. Steenberg  
00:47:36 Bob Lake, PSC  
00:48:19 Rep. Berry  
00:49:05 Mark Lambrecht, TSRIA  
00:49:33 Robert Orsello, Self  
00:50:53 Rep. Berry  
00:50:58 Jessie Luther, Abaco Energy Services  
00:51:39 Rep. Berry  
00:52:10 Mark Lambrecht, TSRIA  
00:53:00 Chairman Lang  
00:53:21 Jeremiah Langston, PSC  
00:54:34 Chairman Lang  
00:55:15 Robert Orsello, HOA  
00:56:37 Chairman Lang  
00:57:02 Robert Orsello, HOA

00:57:59 Rep. Lynch  
00:58:19 Jessie Luther, Abaco Energy Services  
00:59:37 Rep. Schreiner  
00:59:54 Jessie Luther, Abaco Energy Services  
01:00:07 Mike Green, Boyne  
01:00:21 Robert Orsello, HOA  
01:01:37 Rep. Schreiner  
01:01:51 Robert Orsello, HOA  
01:02:27 Rep. Moore  
01:03:00 Mike Green, Boyne  
01:03:37 Rep. Moore  
01:03:51 Mike Green, Boyne  
01:04:19 Rep. Steenberg  
01:04:58 Jeremiah Langston, PSC  
01:05:11 Rep. Steenberg  
01:05:23 Jeremiah Langston, PSC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:43 Sen. Blasdel

**HEARING ON SB 327**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:08:39 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 327, Revise qualifying facility laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:10:09 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:11:37 Sen. Blasdel

01:12:16 Chairman Lang

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:12:49

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([feh48aad.pdf](#))**