

## MINUTES

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on March 20, 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. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Andrew Person (D)  
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (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:**

Hearings: None

Executive Action: SJ 13, HB 559, SB 249, SB 261, SB 321, SB 327, SB 368

00:00:01 Chairman Lang

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 13**

00:01:38 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SJ 13 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:01:54 Rep. Steenberg  
00:03:10 Rep. Person  
00:03:26 Rep. Pope entered  
00:03:52 Chairman Lang  
00:05:33 Rep. Pope  
00:07:55 Rep. Berry entered  
00:10:25 Rep. Custer  
00:11:19 Rep. Pinocci  
00:11:39 Rep. Zolnikov

00:12:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Person, Rep. Pope and Rep. Steenberg voting no. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy. Rep. Custer will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 559**

00:13:33 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 559 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:13:57 Rep. Steenberg  
00:14:55 Rep. Custer  
00:15:51 Rep. Pope

00:16:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Lang, Rep. Pinocci and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 249**

00:17:28 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 249 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:17:43 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
[EXHIBIT\(feh58a01\)](#)

00:18:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 249 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

00:19:18 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 249 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:19:32 Rep. Steenberg

00:20:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Berry, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Lang, Rep. D. Moore, Rep. Pinocci, Rep. Welborn and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy. Rep. Z. Brown will carry the bill.

00:21:17 Chairman Lang

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 261**

00:21:20 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 261 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:21:39 Hope Stockwell, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(feh58a02\)](#)

00:22:33 Chairman Lang

00:22:45 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:23:31 Rep. Person

00:23:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 261 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

00:24:35 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 261 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

00:24:45 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 261 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:24:56 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:25:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

00:25:43 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 261 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

00:25:50 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 261 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:26:01 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:26:37 Rep. Pope

00:27:16 Chairman Lang

00:27:33 Rep. Pope

00:27:46 Chairman Lang

00:27:53 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:28:21 Rep. Person

00:28:30 Chairman Lang

00:28:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

00:29:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 261 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 14-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy. Rep. Lang will carry the bill.

00:30:03 Chairman Lang

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 321**

00:31:02 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 321 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:31:24 Rep. Person

00:32:00 Rep. Richmond

00:32:41 Chairman Lang

00:32:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Person, Rep. Pope and Rep. Steenberg voting no. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy. Rep. Pinocci will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 327**

00:33:41 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 327 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:33:54 Chairman Lang

00:34:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy. Rep. Pinocci will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 368**

00:34:32 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 368 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:34:42 Chairman Lang

00:34:49 Rep. Steenberg

00:35:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Moore voted by proxy. Rep. Lang will carry the bill.

00:35:35 Chairman Lang

00:35:42 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:36:44 Chairman Lang

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:37:41

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([feh58aad.pdf](#))**