

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on March 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Steenberg, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
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. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (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 312, 3/23/2015; HB 632, 3/23/2015

00:00:03 Vice Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON SB 312

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 312, Generally revise USB laws.

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:44 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

00:07:44 Chairman Lang entered the hearing

00:11:20 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:21 Steve Erb, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a02\)](#)

00:12:48 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:15 Vice Chair Zolnikov

00:13:23 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

00:14:37 Rep. Richmond entered the hearing

00:14:52 Vice Chair Zolnikov

00:15:21 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

00:15:58 Vice Chair Zolnikov

00:16:14 Sen. Phillips

00:16:47 Rep. Custer

00:17:11 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

00:17:43 Rep. Custer

00:18:17 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

00:18:48 Rep. Custer

00:19:05 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

00:19:31 Rep. Steenberg

00:19:45 Sen. Phillips

00:20:12 Rep. Pope

00:20:32 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

00:20:34 Rep. Pope

00:21:15 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

00:21:59 Rep. Pope

00:22:40 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:17 Sen. Phillips

00:25:24 Vice Chair Zolnikov

00:25:46 Recess

00:30:20 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 632

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:30 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 632, Create coal train payments for counties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:08 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:17 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

00:41:50 Barbara Ranf, BNSF Railway

00:43:50 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:42 Chairman Lang
00:44:55 Rep. Schwaderer
00:45:16 Chairman Lang
00:45:16 Rep. Schwaderer
00:45:21 Chairman Lang
00:45:44 Rep. Schreiner
00:46:05 Rep. Schwaderer
00:46:58 Rep. Schreiner
00:47:37 Rep. Schwaderer
00:49:17 Rep. Custer
00:49:37 Rep. Schwaderer
00:50:10 Rep. Custer
00:50:47 Rep. Schwaderer
00:51:38 Rep. Custer
00:52:05 Rep. Schwaderer
00:53:47 Rep. Pinocci
00:54:16 Bud Clinch, MCC
00:57:07 Rep. Pinocci
00:57:14 Chairman Lang
00:57:19 Rep. Pinocci
00:57:31 Bud Clinch, MCC
00:58:25 Rep. Zolnikov
00:58:43 Rep. Schwaderer
00:59:02 Rep. Zolnikov
00:59:12 Rep. Schwaderer

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:03 Rep. Schwaderer

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a03\)](#)

01:01:32 Chairman Lang
01:01:52 Rep. Custer
01:02:06 Chairman Lang
01:02:24 Rep. Custer
01:02:30 Rep. Welborn
01:02:44 Chairman Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:02:52

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh62aad.pdf](#))