

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on April 10, 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. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (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)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

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 402, 4/1/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Lang

[EXHIBIT\(feh72a01\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 402

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:43 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 402, Revise laws related to utilities and coal-fired generation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:11 Sen. Keane, SD 38
00:09:45 Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties
00:13:48 Austin Rodgers, Self
00:15:34 Todd Devlin, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)
00:16:11 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
00:17:53 Al Ekblad, MT AFL-CTC
00:19:51 John Roebor, Boiler Maker
00:22:35 Jess Labuff, Boiler Maker
00:24:20 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
00:25:24 Tim Laedeke, Self
00:27:57 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:14 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
00:33:49 Tom Ebzery, Puget Sound Energy
[EXHIBIT\(feh72a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(feh72a03\)](#)
00:38:52 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
[EXHIBIT\(feh72a04\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(feh72a05\)](#)
00:47:28 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)
00:50:07 Jake Brown, Montana Public Interest Group
00:51:06 Diego Rivas, Northwest Energy Coalition

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:18 Rep. Richmond
00:54:43 Tom Ebzery, Puget Sound Energy
00:56:39 Rep. Moore
00:57:16 Sen. Ankney
00:57:30 Rep. Moore
00:57:56 Sen. Keane, SD 38
00:58:10 Rep. Person
00:58:47 Tom Ebzery, Puget Sound Energy
01:00:10 Rep. Person
01:00:50 Tom Ebzery, Puget Sound Energy
01:01:42 Rep. Pope
01:02:14 Sen. Keane, SD 38
01:03:00 Rep. Pope

01:03:50 Sen. Keane, SD 38
01:04:17 Rep. Pope
01:04:40 Sen. Keane, SD 38

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:08 Sen. Ankney

01:11:32 Rep. Zolnikov
01:11:59 Recess
01:22:15 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 402

01:22:34 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 402 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:23:20 **Motion:** Rep. Richmond moved that **SB 402 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:23:45 Rep. Richmond
01:25:47 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:30:17 Rep. Custer
01:30:41 Hope Stockwell, LSD
01:30:54 Rep. Custer
01:31:10 Hope Stockwell, LSD

EXHIBIT(feh72a06)

01:32:29 Rep. Steenberg
01:33:13 Chairman Lang
01:33:29 Rep. Lynch
01:33:44 Rep. Moore
01:33:50 Rep. Welborn
01:34:10 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:34:46 Without objection, Rep. Richmond withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

01:35:04 Without objection, Rep. Zolnikov withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.

01:35:21 Chairman Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:36:22

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh72aad.pdf](#))