

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on January 15, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 10, 1/8/2015

Executive Action: SB10- DO PASS, SB 111-DO PASS, SB 114 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

00:00:01 Chairman Webb

HEARING ON SB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:33 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 10, Revise universal system benefits laws to exempt small natural gas utilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:48 Travis Kavulla, commissioner, Public Service Commission (PSC)

00:04:39 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:07 Steve Erb, performance auditor, Legislative Audit Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:38 Sen. Keenan

00:05:47 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:06:05 Sen. Keenan

00:06:12 Mr. Kavulla

00:06:36 Sen. Keenan

00:07:09 Mr. Kavulla

00:07:50 Chairman Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:25 Sen. Keane

00:09:12 Chairman Webb

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 10

00:09:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 10 DO PASS**. Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111

00:11:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 111 DO PASS**. Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 114

00:12:50 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 114 DO PASS.**

00:13:11 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 114 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(ens09a01\)](#)

Discussion:

00:13:40 Sonja Nowakowski, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:14:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:15:50 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 114 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(ens09a02\)](#)

Discussion:

00:16:20 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

00:16:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-1 by voice vote with Sen. Larsen voting no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:17:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 114 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 9-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Larsen, Sen. McNally and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

Committee Business

00:19:25 Chairman Webb

00:20:46 Ms. Nowakowski

00:21:49 Chairman Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:23 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens09aad.pdf](#))