

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on March 17, 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. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D) (arrived after roll call)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 252, 3/6/2015; HJ 11, 3/6/2015

Executive Action: HB 252 - BE CONCURRED IN; HJ 11 - BE CONCURRED IN;
SR 13 - BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED

00:00:01 Chairman Webb

HEARING ON HB 252

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:23 Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 252, Revise laws related to the uses of the research and commercialization account.

00:02:14 Sen. Blasdel left the hearing.

00:02:58 Sen. Windy Boy entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:49 Dave Desch, executive director, Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology

00:06:14 Jim Davison, member, Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology

00:08:32 Sen. Keane entered the hearing.

00:10:28 Nicole Rolf, regional manager, Eastern Montana, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:24 Rep. McCarthy

HEARING ON HJ 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:43 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HJ 11, Joint resolution regarding the keystone pipeline.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:48 Jon Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

00:16:42 J.D. Lynch, Montana Building and Construction Trades Council

00:17:31 Chris Cavazos, political director, Montana ALF-CIO

00:17:57 Nicole Rolf, regional manager, Eastern Montana, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:19:41 Shantil Siaperas, legislative analyst, Montana Association of Cities and Counties

00:20:10 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association

00:22:58 Gary Forrester, MDU Resources
00:24:39 Glenn Oppel, government relations director, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:09 Neal Ullman, program director, Montana Conservation Voters
00:28:51 Anne Hedges, deputy director, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

EXHIBIT(ens55a01)

00:34:36 Mike Fellows, Montana Libertarian Party

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:05 Sen. Ankney
00:36:49 Ms. Hedges, MEIC
00:37:50 Sen. McNally
00:38:38 Rep. Lang
00:39:44 Sen. McNally
00:40:20 Rep. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:01 Rep. Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 252

00:44:35 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 252 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:44:48 Sen. Keane
00:45:03 Sen. McNally
00:45:28 Sen. Keane

00:46:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ankney, Sen. Kary and Sen. Keane voting no. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Jones voted by proxy. Sen. McNally will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 11

00:47:45 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **HJ 11 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:47:56 Sen. Tutvedt
00:49:36 Sen. Driscoll
00:50:37 Chairman Webb

00:50:56 Sen. Keane

00:51:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Jones voted by proxy. Sen. Driscoll will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 13

00:52:26 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SR 13 BE ADOPTED.**
EXHIBIT(ens55a02)

00:52:43 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SR 13 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(ens55a03)

Discussion:

00:52:15 Sen. Ankney

00:53:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

00:53:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SR 13 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

00:55:03 Chairman Webb

00:55:27 Sen. Ankney

00:55:37 Chairman Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:57 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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