

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on March 26, 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)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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: SJ 23, 3/24/2015; SR 43, 3/24/2015;
HJ 7, 3/19/2015 - Hearing cancelled. Rescheduled for 3/31/2015.

Executive Action: SR 43 - BE ADOPTED; SJ 19 - BE TABLED; SJ 23 BE TABLED

00:00:02 Chairman Webb

HEARING ON SJ 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SJ 23, Study gas pricing in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:07 Dave Galt, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association

00:03:23 Ronna Alexander, state executive director, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:51 Sen. Windy Boy

00:04:17 Ms. Alexander, MPMCSA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:17 Sen. Keane

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 23

00:09:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SJ 23 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-2 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Jones and Sen. Tutvedt were excused.

00:09:55 Chairman Webb turned the chair over to Vice Chair Ankney.

HEARING ON SR 43

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:34 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SR 43, Confirm appointees to board of oil and gas.

[EXHIBIT\(ens63a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:31 Dave Galt, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:01 Sen. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:34 Sen. Webb

00:13:53 Vice Chair Ankney turned the chair back over to Chairman Webb.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 43

00:14:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SR 43 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jones and Sen. Tutvedt were excused.

Discussion:

00:14:44 Sen. Larsen

00:15:04 Chairman Webb

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 19

00:17:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SJ 19 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jones and Sen. Tutvedt were excused.

[EXHIBIT\(ens63a02\)](#)

00:17:45 Chairman Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:39 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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