

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on January 23, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)  
Rep. Christopher Pope, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Robyn Brown, Committee Secretary  
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

**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: HB 241, 1/18/2019

Executive Action: HB 78, HB 206

15:02:00 Chair Zolnikov

**HEARING ON HB 241**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:10 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 241, Require public utilities to report a plan for 100% renewable use.

15:04:20 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:08:12 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:14:03 Julian Adler, Montana Public Research Interest Group

15:17:08 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters

15:18:33 Wade Sikorski, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:21:52 David Hoffman, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

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15:26:25 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU)

15:30:55 Tom Ebezry, Avista Corporation

15:34:11 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

15:36:58 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

15:38:07 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association

**Informational Testimony:**

15:39:39 Robyn Arnold, Public Service Commission (PSC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:40:06 Chair Zolnikov

15:41:26 David Hoffman, NWE

15:41:54 Vice Chair Skees

15:42:36 Rep. Olsen

15:45:21 Vice Chair Skees

15:45:25 Rep. Olsen

15:46:55 Vice Chair Skees

15:47:52 Rep. Olsen

15:49:08 Vice Chair Pope

15:53:44 Rep. Olsen

15:57:50 Rep. Duram

15:58:23 Rep. Olsen

15:59:45 Rep. Duram

16:00:16 Rep. Olsen

16:00:37 Chair Zolnikov

16:01:40 Rep. Olsen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:02:45 Rep. Olsen

16:05:00 The Committee recessed.  
16:11:53 The Committee reconvened.

16:12:39 Chair Zolnikov

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 78**

16:13:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 78 DO PASS**. Motion carried 11-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Redfield voting no. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 206**

16:14:10 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 206 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

16:15:13 Rep. Redfield  
16:15:28 Vice Chair Pope  
16:15:45 Rep. Custer

16:16:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

16:16:59 Vice Chair Skees  
16:18:06 Vice Chair Pope  
16:18:30 Chair Zolnikov

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:19:13

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Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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