

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on January 28, 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. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Wylie Galt (R)

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 267, 1/23/2019

Committee Business:

15:01:55 Chair Zolnikov
15:02:09 Chair Zolnikov ceded the gavel to Vice Chair Skees.

HEARING ON HB 267**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:25 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 267, Establish metering requirements for utilities.
15:05:08 Chair Skees

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:14 David Hoffman, Northwestern Energy (NWE)
15:06:43 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh16a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh16a02\)](#)

15:10:28 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU)
15:10:45 Mike Batista, AARP Montana
15:12:22 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Council (MCC)
15:13:19 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

15:14:21 Robyn Arnold, Public Service Commission (PSC)
15:14:36 Laura Rennick, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
15:14:54 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:15:09 Rep. Doane
15:15:57 Rep. Zolnikov
15:16:57 Rep. Doane
15:17:21 Rep. Duram
15:17:51 Brian Fadie, MEIC
15:18:58 Rep. Olsen
15:19:38 Doug Hardy, MECA
15:20:52 Rep. Olsen
15:21:32 Doug Hardy, MECA
15:23:33 Rep. Olsen
15:24:15 Rep. Zolnikov
15:27:08 Rep. Olsen
15:28:09 Rep. Zolnikov
15:29:45 Vice Chair Pope
15:31:02 David Hoffman, NWE
15:32:56 Vice Chair Pope
15:33:42 David Hoffman, NWE
15:34:31 Chair Skees
15:35:04 Doug Hardy, MECA

15:36:06 Chair Skees
15:36:14 Doug Hardy, MECA
15:37:40 Rep. Zolnikov
15:38:37 Robyn Arnold, PSC
15:39:13 Chair Skees
15:40:12 Rep. Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

15:40:18 Rep. Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:43:13

Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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