

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on February 13, 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. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (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 22, 2/8/2019; HB 415, 2/8/2019; HB 427, 2/8/2019

Committee Business:

15:05:39 Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON HB 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:05:43 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 22, Revise electricity supply resource contract length.

15:08:09 Rep. Duram joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:55 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest

15:18:08 Melissa Shannon, VK Clean Energy Partners

15:20:52 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT(feh30a01)

15:25:42 Roxa Reller, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

15:27:36 Jaffe Wilde, Wind Data, LLC

Opponents' Testimony:

15:29:37 Randy Pinocci, Commissioner, Public Service Commission (PSC)

15:35:44 Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Council (MCC)

15:40:24 David Hoffman, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

15:42:12 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU)

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:44:25 Rep. Hayman

15:45:14 David Hoffman, NWE

15:45:38 Rep. Hayman

15:46:17 David Hoffman, NWE

15:47:46 Brian Fadie, MEIC

15:49:28 Vice Chair Skees

15:49:57 Rep. Bishop

15:52:48 Vice Chair Skees

15:53:48 Bob Nelson, MCC

15:55:39 Chair Zolnikov

15:55:59 Bob Nelson, MCC

15:57:31 Vice Chair Pope

15:59:45 Commissioner Pinocci, PSC

16:01:38 Vice Chair Pope

16:02:02 Commissioner Pinocci, PSC

16:02:38 Vice Chair Pope

16:03:45 Chair Zolnikov

16:04:03 Commissioner Pinocci, PSC

16:04:10 Chair Zolnikov

16:05:31 Commissioner Pinocci, PSC

16:06:30 Robin Arnold, Public Service Commission (PSC)
16:07:31 Chair Zolnikov
16:07:46 Robin Arnold, PSC
16:08:07 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest
16:10:05 Vice Chair Pope
16:11:00 Robin Arnold, PSC
16:11:32 Vice Chair Pope
16:12:37 Chair Zolnikov
16:13:13 David Hoffman, NWE
16:13:38 Chair Zolnikov
16:14:03 David Hoffman, NWE
16:14:32 Chair Zolnikov
16:14:42 David Hoffman, NWE
16:14:59 Chair Zolnikov
16:15:14 David Hoffman, NWE
16:15:50 Chair Zolnikov
16:16:09 Jaffe Wilde, Wind Data, LLC

Closing by Sponsor:

16:17:43 Rep. Bishop

HEARING ON HB 415

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:24:04 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 415, Prohibit the state from implementing any federal greenhouse gas regulations.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:26:46 Dr. Ed Berry, self

[EXHIBIT\(feh30a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:34:52 David Klemp, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
16:37:13 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association
16:39:08 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
16:43:45 Julian Adler, Montana Public Research Group
16:45:05 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council
16:46:10 Bob Phillipovich, self

[EXHIBIT\(feh30a03\)](#)

16:50:09 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:50:50 Vice Chair Skees
16:51:01 Dr. Berry, self
16:55:35 Rep. Hayman
16:56:09 Rep. Read

16:58:58 Rep. Duram

Closing by Sponsor:

17:02:31 Rep. Read

HEARING ON HB 427

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

17:06:22 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 427, Allow for passport driver licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

17:12:23 Sen. Steven Fitzpatrick, SD 10

17:13:57 Sarah Garcia, Department of Justice (DOJ)

17:15:09 Commissioner Pinocci, PSC

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:16:08 Rep. Hayman

17:16:31 Sarah Garcia, DOJ

17:17:20 Rep. Hayman

17:18:00 Sarah Garcia, DOJ

17:19:10 Vice Chair Pope

17:19:37 Sarah Garcia, DOJ

17:20:51 Vice Chair Pope

17:21:08 Sarah Garcia, DOJ

17:21:40 Rep. Duram

17:22:00 Sarah Garcia, DOJ

17:22:37 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

17:23:47 Sarah Garcia, DOJ

17:23:56 Michele Snowberger, Department of Justice (DOJ)

17:25:08 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

17:25:35 Michele Snowberger, DOJ

17:27:23 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

17:27:32 Rep. Custer

17:27:56 Rep. Bachmeier

17:29:14 Vice Chair Skees

17:30:08 Sarah Garcia, DOJ

17:30:32 Vice Chair Skees

17:31:05 Rep. Bachmeier

17:31:41 Vice Chair Skees

17:31:55 Michele Snowberger, DOJ

17:32:27 Rep. Zolnikov

17:33:10 Rep. Bachmeier

17:34:04 Rep. Zolnikov

17:34:17 Rep. Bachmeier
17:35:31 Chair Zolnikov
17:36:03 Vice Chair Skees
17:36:41 Rep. Bachmeier

Closing by Sponsor:

17:37:10 Rep. Bachmeier

17:38:59 Chair Zolnikov

[EXHIBIT\(feh30a04\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:40:16

Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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