

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on February 22, 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. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

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

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 19, 2/18/2019; HB 511, 2/18/2019; HB 513, 2/18/2019

Executive Action: HB 150, HJ 15, HB 427, HB 476, HB 437, HB 456, HB 511, HJ 19

Committee Business:

15:30:00 Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON HB 511

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:30:26 Rep. Christopher Pope (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 511, Revise energy laws defining "long term".

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

15:31:51 Roger Koopman, Commissioner, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

15:32:04 Rep. Pope

HEARING ON HJ 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:32:39 Rep. Christopher Pope (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HJ 19, Joint resolution supporting procurement of energy storage facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:36:53 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest (RNW)

[EXHIBIT\(feh38a01\)](#)

15:41:53 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:43:11 Diego Rivas, Northwest Energy Coalition

Opponents' Testimony:

15:44:18 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU)

Informational Testimony:

15:45:07 John Alke, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:45:32 Chair Zolnikov

15:45:47 Gary Forrester, MDU

Closing by Sponsor:

15:46:16 Rep. Pope

HEARING ON HB 513

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:47:11 Rep. Christopher Pope (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 513, Generally revise the renewable resource standard.

EXHIBIT(feh38a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:54:53 Jeff Fox, RNW
15:57:04 Robin Arnold, Public Service Commission (PSC)
15:58:41 Brian Fadie, MEIC
16:01:51 Diego Rivas, Northwestern Energy Coalition
16:03:22 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

16:04:00 John Alke, NWE

EXHIBIT(feh38a03)

16:10:56 Gary Forrester, MDU
16:11:11 Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Council (MCC)
16:14:12 Commissioner Koopman, PSC

Informational Testimony:

16:18:31 Dan Lloyd, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:18:52 Vice Chair Skees
16:19:17 Brian Fadie, MEIC
16:20:13 Vice Chair Skees
16:20:33 Brian Fadie, MEIC
16:20:55 Vice Chair Skees
16:21:58 Brian Fadie, MEIC
16:22:36 Vice Chair Skees
16:22:48 Brian Fadie, MEIC
16:23:04 Vice Chair Skees
16:23:53 Commissioner Koopman, PSC
16:24:36 Rep. Custer
16:24:55 Gary Forrester, MDU
16:25:03 Rep. Custer
16:25:10 Gary Forrester, MDU
16:25:41 Rep. Sullivan
16:26:02 Rep. Pope
16:28:16 Rep. Olsen
16:28:40 Rep. Pope
16:31:03 Rep. Custer
16:31:18 Rep. Pope

16:32:14 Rep. Custer
16:32:46 John Alke, NWE

16:34:22 Rep. Olsen left the meeting.

16:36:30 Chair Zolnikov
16:36:45 John Alke, NWE

Closing by Sponsor:

16:38:44 Rep. Pope

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 150

17:12:30 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 150 DO PASS.**

17:13:00 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
EXHIBIT(feh38a04)

17:13:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 150 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

17:14:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 150 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 15

17:15:54 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 15 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:16:32 Vice Chair Pope

17:16:46 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees made a substitute motion that **HJ 15 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 427

17:17:26 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 427 DO PASS.**

17:17:47 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Redfield made a substitute motion that **HB 427 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 476

17:18:40 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 467 DO PASS.**

17:18:45 Without objection, Rep. Skees withdrew the DO PASS motion.

17:19:00 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 476 DO PASS.**

17:19:18 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 476 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh38a05)

Discussion:

17:20:45 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

17:20:52 Rep. Duram

17:21:15 Rep. Redfield

17:21:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

17:24:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 476 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pope and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 437

17:25:49 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 437 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:25:51 Rep. Skees

17:26:02 Vice Chair Pope

17:27:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Skees voting no. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 456

17:28:53 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 456 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:29:18 Rep. Sullivan

17:29:38 Rep. Redfield

17:30:19 Vice Chair Pope

17:30:22 Chair Zolnikov

17:33:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 511

17:33:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pope moved that **HB 511 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 19

17:40:07 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HJ 19 BE TABLED**.

Discussion:

17:35:05 Vice Chair Pope

17:36:23 Rep. Duram

17:38:53 Chair Zolnikov

17:39:16 Rep. Redfield

17:40:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

17:41:06 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:41:44

Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh38aad.pdf](#))