

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on February 25, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, 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. Christopher Pope, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
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: HJ 22, 2/19/2019; HB 584, 2/20/2019; HB 597, 2/21/2019

Executive Action: HB 467, HB 513, HJ 12, HJ 22, HB 584

15:23:48 Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON HJ 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:24:40 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HJ 22, Resolution recognizing the relationship between Montana and Canada.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:26:12 Ken Fichtler, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:28:19 Rep. Redfield

15:28:30 Ken Fichtler, GOED

15:28:40 Rep. Olsen

15:29:20 Vice Chair Skees joined the meeting.

15:29:38 Rep. Schreiner

Closing by Sponsor:

15:30:49 Rep. Schreiner

HEARING ON HB 584

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:31:23 Rep. Shane Morigeau (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 584, Generally revise laws relating to cryptocurrency.

15:39:52 Vice Chair Pope joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

15:42:23 Lynn Egan, Montana State Auditor's Office (SAO)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:45:06 Chair Zolnikov

15:46:12 Lynn Egan, SAO

15:47:25 Vice Chair Skees
15:48:12 Rep. Morigeau

15:48:38 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

15:48:55 Vice Chair Skees
15:49:20 Rep. Morigeau
15:50:23 Vice Chair Skees
15:50:56 Lynn Egan, SAO
15:51:45 Chair Zolnikov
15:52:58 Rep. Morigeau
15:54:45 Rep. Olsen
15:55:35 Rep. Morigeau
15:56:47 Rep. Duram
15:57:07 Rep. Morigeau
16:00:35 Rep. Duram
16:02:13 Rep. Sullivan
16:02:33 Rep. Morigeau
16:03:44 Vice Chair Skees
16:04:11 Rep. Morigeau
16:06:11 Rep. Olsen
16:07:22 Lynn Egan, SAO

Closing by Sponsor:

16:14:24 Rep. Morigeau

16:17:00 Chair Zolnikov ceded the gavel to Vice Chair Skees.

HEARING ON HB 597

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:18:09 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 597, Generally revise utility regulation.

[EXHIBIT\(feh40a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:49:17 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest (RNW)

[EXHIBIT\(feh40a02\)](#)

17:00:34 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

17:01:26 Melissa Shannon, VK Clean Energy Partners

Opponents' Testimony:

17:02:00 Robin Arnold, Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh40a03\)](#)

17:05:48 David Hoffman, Northwestern Energy (NWE)
[EXHIBIT\(feh40a04\)](#)

17:12:08 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utilities

Informational Testimony:

17:14:39 Laura Rennick, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:15:08 Rep. Olsen
17:16:35 Rep. Zolnikov
17:16:48 Rep. Olsen
17:16:53 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
17:17:55 Rep. Olsen
17:18:03 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
17:18:19 Rep. Redfield
17:19:00 Rep. Zolnikov
17:19:25 Rep. Duram
17:19:53 Rep. Zolnikov
17:21:05 Vice Chair Skees
17:21:22 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
17:21:38 Vice Chair Skees
17:22:03 Rep. Zolnikov
17:22:42 Vice Chair Skees
17:22:49 Rep. Zolnikov
17:22:56 Rep. Custer
17:24:23 Rep. Zolnikov
17:28:21 Rep. Custer
17:30:08 Rep. Zolnikov
17:30:46 Rep. Olsen
17:32:51 Rep. Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

17:35:53 Rep. Zolnikov

17:37:40 The Committee recessed.
18:02:02 The Committee reconvened with Rep. Zolnikov resuming as Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 22

18:02:20 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 22 DO PASS**.

18:03:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olsen moved that **HJ 22 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(feh40a05\)](#)

18:04:00 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 22 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

- 18:04:54 Rep. Redfield
18:05:15 Vice Chair Skees
- 18:07:11 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pope, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.
- 18:08:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 22 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 467

- 18:08:35 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 467 DO PASS**.
- 18:09:00 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 467 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(feh40a06\)](#)

Discussion:

- 18:10:11 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
18:11:09 Rep. Hayman
- 18:12:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pope, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.
- 18:13:40 **Motion:** Rep. Hayman moved that **HB 467 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(feh40a07\)](#)

Discussion:

- 18:13:46 Sonja Nowakowski, LFD
- 18:15:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.
- 18:16:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 467 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 513

- 18:16:41 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 513 DO PASS**.
- 18:17:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 513 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.
[EXHIBIT\(feh40a08\)](#)

18:18:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 513 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 12

18:19:55 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 12 DO PASS**.

18:22:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 12 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(feh40a09\)](#)

Discussion:

18:23:47 Chair Zolnikov

18:24:01 Rep. Sullivan

18:24:13 Rep. Duram

18:25:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 12 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED TO STRIKE "ENVIRONMENTAL AND AESTHETIC" FROM AMENDMENT HJ001201.ASN, SECTION 4., PAGE 1, LINE 18 THROUGH 19**. Motion carried 10-2 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(feh40a10\)](#)

18:28:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 12 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 10-2 by voice vote with Rep. Doane and Rep. Redfield voting no. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 584

18:29:30 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 584 DO PASS**.

18:29:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 584 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(feh40a11\)](#)

18:31:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 584 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 10-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Doane and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:32:00

Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh40aad.pdf](#))