

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on March 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. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (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: SB 191, 2/28/2019; SB 252, 2/28/2019

15:00:04 Chair Zolnikov ceded the gavel to Vice Chair Skees.

HEARING ON SB 191

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:22 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 191, Allow counties to establish a coal trust fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:20 Doug Martens, Commissioner, Rosebud County
15:05:59 Jason Rittel, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
15:07:54 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties
15:08:28 Adam Haight, Montana AFL-CIO
15:08:44 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 400
15:10:25 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
15:10:56 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council
15:11:32 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters
15:11:49 Bob Gilbert, Musselshell County
15:12:07 Julian Adler, Montana Public Information Research Group (MontPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:22 Rep. Olsen
15:14:43 Sen. Ankney
15:15:35 Rep. Olsen
15:15:46 Sen. Ankney
15:16:00 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

15:16:36 Chair Zolnikov resumed the Chair.

15:19:00 Commissioner Martens, Rosebud County
15:21:57 Vice Chair Pope
15:22:55 Sen. Ankney
15:23:43 Vice Chair Pope

Closing by Sponsor:

15:25:17 Sen. Ankney

HEARING ON SB 252**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:26:22 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 252, Revise major facility siting act amendment process.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:32:34 Mark Taylor, Talen Montana

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15:34:48 Adam Haight, Montana AFL-CIO

15:36:25 Jan Rouse, Northwestern Energy

15:37:08 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 400

15:37:31 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip

Opponents' Testimony:

15:38:17 Anne Hedges, MEIC

15:42:53 Darryl James, Westmoreland

[EXHIBIT\(feh51a02\)](#)**[EXHIBIT\(feh51a03\)](#)**

15:51:55 Rep. Redfield joined the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

15:55:17 Kristi Ponozzo, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:55:48 Vice Chair Skees

15:56:19 Kristi Ponozzo, DEQ

15:57:12 Rep. Hayman

15:58:08 Kristi Ponozzo, DEQ

15:58:45 Rep. Hayman

15:59:22 David Klemp, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

16:00:46 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

16:01:27 David Klemp, DEQ

16:02:45 Rep. Olsen

16:03:46 David Klemp, DEQ

16:04:59 Rep. Olsen

16:05:23 Kristi Ponozzo, DEQ

16:05:54 Vice Chair Pope

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16:06:36 David Klemp, DEQ

16:08:29 Vice Chair Pope

16:09:05 David Klemp, DEQ

16:10:09 Vice Chair Pope

16:10:24 Mark Taylor, Talen Montana

16:10:40 Rep. Hayman

16:11:16 Kristi Ponozzo, DEQ

16:11:26 Rep. Hayman

16:11:57 Darryl James, Westmoreland
16:12:39 Rep. Hayman
16:13:09 Darryl James, Westmoreland
16:14:53 Rep. Olsen
16:15:28 Sen. Ankney
16:18:41 Rep. Olsen
16:18:48 Mark Taylor, Talen Montana
16:20:18 Chair Zolnikov
16:20:39 Kristi Ponozzo, DEQ
16:21:17 Chair Zolnikov
16:21:46 Kristi Ponozzo, DEQ
16:23:29 Chair Zolnikov
16:23:58 Mark Taylor, Talen Montana
16:24:06 Chair Zolnikov
16:24:19 Darryl James, Westmoreland
16:26:03 Rep. Olsen
16:26:08 Anne Hedges, MEIC
16:26:34 Rep. Olsen
16:27:01 Anne Hedges, MEIC

Closing by Sponsor:

16:27:30 Sen. Ankney

Committee Business:

16:34:41 Chair Zolnikov

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16:37:51 Vice Chair Pope

16:38:52 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:39:00

Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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