

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on March 18, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Christopher Pope, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (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: SB 93, 2/28/2019

Executive Action: HB 597

15:07:22 Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON SB 93

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:08:47 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB93, Require decommissioning and bonding for certain solar.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:11:14 Adam Haight, Montana AFL-CIO

Opponents' Testimony:

15:12:00 Melissa Shannon, VK Clean Energy Partners

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15:14:54 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest (RNW)

15:19:45 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:21:37 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

15:23:58 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Informational Testimony:

15:25:09 Kyla Maki, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:25:31 Vice Chair Skees

15:26:17 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:27:08 Vice Chair Skees

15:27:43 Kyla Maki, DEQ

15:28:55 Vice Chair Skees

15:29:54 Kyla Maki, DEQ

15:31:08 Vice Chair Skees

15:31:27 Sen. Richmond

15:32:33 Rep. Olsen

15:33:36 Melissa Shannon, VK Clean Energy Partners

15:34:52 Rep. Olsen

15:35:22 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

15:36:02 Rep. Olsen

15:36:18 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

15:36:48 Rep. Olsen

15:37:17 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

15:38:14 Rep. Olsen

15:38:50 Sen. Richmond

15:40:47 Rep. Custer

15:41:56 Sen. Richmond

15:44:00 Rep. Hayman

15:46:16 Rep. Duram

15:47:05 Jeff Fox, RNW

15:47:37 Rep. Duram

15:48:08 Vice Chair Skees

15:49:29 Melissa Shannon, VK Clean Energy Partners

15:50:06 Vice Chair Skees
 15:50:13 Kyla Maki, DEQ
 15:50:58 Chair Zolnikov
 15:51:40 Kyla Maki, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

15:52:00 Sen. Richmond

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RESOLUTION REQUEST

Discussion:

16:01:33 Chair Zolnikov
 16:02:13 Rep. Olsen
 16:02:26 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
 16:03:03 Vice Chair Skees
 16:04:26 Chair Zolnikov
 16:04:49 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
 16:05:26 Vice Chair Skees
 16:05:48 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
 16:06:36 Rep. Olsen
 16:06:54 Vice Chair Skees

16:08:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olsen moved that **THE FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE DO A COMMITTEE STUDY RESOLUTION THAT WOULD LOOK AT BONDING AND DECOMMISSIONING FOR ALL ENERGY FACILITIES TO SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED BASED UPON THE PUBLIC POLICY THAT RECLAMATION IS ESSENTIAL.** Motion carried 9-3 by voice vote with Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt and Rep. Redfield voting no. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Pope, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 597

16:11:51 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 597 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:12:34 Chair Zolnikov
 16:16:25 Vice Chair Skees
 16:17:23 Rep. Custer
 16:18:09 Rep. Duram
 16:18:29 Chair Zolnikov
 16:18:49 Rep. Hayman
 16:19:31 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
 16:20:18 Chair Zolnikov
 16:20:43 Rep. Duram
 16:22:27 Vice Chair Skees
 16:22:42 Chair Zolnikov

16:22:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Doane, Rep. Galt, Rep. Pope, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:28:08

Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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