

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Derek Skees, on March 25, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Christopher Pope, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (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: HJ 38, 3/23/2019

**Committee Business:**

15:27:00 Chair Skees  
15:28:04 Rep. Redfield  
15:28:24 Rep. Hayman

15:29:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Redfield moved **AN OBJECTION TO REP. OLSEN OPENING THE HEARING ON HJ38 IN CHAIRMAN ZOLNIKOV'S ABSENCE AND TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE THE HEARING ON HJ 38.** Motion failed 2-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Redfield and Rep. Skees voting aye.

**HEARING ON HJ 38**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:30:05 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HJ 38, Interim study of bonding and decommissioning for energy resources.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:31:33 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council  
15:32:45 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None.

**Informational Testimony:**

15:33:25 Laura Rennick, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
15:33:49 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest (RNW)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:34:35 Rep. Duram  
15:37:39 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council  
15:37:58 Rep. Redfield

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:36:54 Rep. Olsen  
  
15:38:35 Chair Skees

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:39:51

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Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([feh61aad.pdf](#))