

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on April 8, 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. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)

Members Absent:

Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)

Staff Present: Hannah Winn, 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 331, 4/4/2019

14:53:17 Chair Zolnikov
 14:53:52 Recessed
 15:59:59 Reconvened with Vice Chair Skees and Rep. Sullivan excused.
 15:00:00 Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON SB 331

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:10 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 331, Establish the Montana energy security act.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:59 Rep. Olsen joined the meeting.
 15:05:35 David Hoffman, Northwestern Energy (NWE)
EXHIBIT(feh73a01)
 15:14:43 Bob Lake, Commissioner, Public Service Commission (PSC)
 15:17:34 Bill Ryan, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
 15:18:03 Rep. Redfield left the meeting.
 15:19:38 Stacey Yates, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
 15:20:14 Cory Austin, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
 15:20:48 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
 15:21:44 David Saulsbury, Colstrip United0
 15:23:26 Pete Ellison, Self
 15:24:01 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
 15:24:29 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
 15:25:03 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)
 15:25:52 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SWRC)
 15:26:28 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 15:26:44 Bob Gilbert, Self
 15:28:24 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
 15:29:06 Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC)
 15:30:39 Doug Martens, Commissioner, Rosebud County
 15:31:34 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

15:33:06 Beth Kaeding, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
 15:35:24 Roger Koopman, Commissioner, Public Service Commission (PSC)

EXHIBIT(feh73a02)

15:45:11 Brad Molnar, Self

EXHIBIT(feh73a03)

15:56:57 Harold Hoem, Self

EXHIBIT(feh73a04)

15:59:11 Rep. Tom Woods, HD 62

16:01:41 Adrienne Cotton, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
16:02:52 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Council (MCC)
16:06:44 Tony O'Donnell, Commissioner, Public Service Commission (PSC)
16:12:54 Brady Wiseman, Self
16:15:05 Vice Chair Skees and Rep. Redfield joined the meeting.
16:19:20 Dave Ashley, Self

EXHIBIT(feh73a05)

16:23:41 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest (RNW)

EXHIBIT(feh73a06)

16:29:12 Mary LaPorte, Self
16:30:35 Diego Rivas, Northwestern Energy Coalition (NVEC)
16:32:27 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT(feh73a07)

16:35:47 Jennifer Swearingen, Self
16:37:26 Karen Kirk, Self
16:39:01 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG)
16:40:26 Molly Moody, Big Sky 55+

EXHIBIT(feh73a08)

16:41:27 Sidney Burgess, Self
16:41:56 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

EXHIBIT(feh73a09)

16:43:51 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony: None

16:45:10 Recessed
16:53:42 Reconvened

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:54:15 Vice Chair Pope
16:56:15 Commissioner Lake, PSC
16:59:06 Vice Chair Pope
16:59:29 Commissioner Lake, PSC
17:00:10 Rep. Custer
17:02:47 Commissioner Lake, PSC
17:03:13 Rep. Hayman
17:04:32 Commissioner Koopman, PSC
17:06:14 Robin Arnold, Public Service Commission (PSC)
17:07:06 Rep. Hayman
17:08:05 Commissioner Koopman, PSC
17:10:39 Rep. Hayman
17:10:54 Commissioner Koopman, PSC
17:12:21 Rep. Duram
17:12:47 David Hoffman, NWE
17:12:53 Rep. Duram

17:13:04 David Hoffman, NWE
17:15:29 Rep. Duram
17:18:40 David Hoffman, NWE
17:19:50 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
17:20:57 Anne Hedges, MEIC
17:24:30 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
17:24:52 Anne Hedges, MEIC
17:25:17 Vice Chair Pope
17:25:41 David Hoffman, NWE
17:27:08 Vice Chair Pope
17:28:29 David Hoffman, NWE
17:29:32 Rep. Custer
17:29:51 David Hoffman, NWE
17:30:27 Rep. Custer
17:30:59 David Hoffman, NWE
17:31:24 Vice Chair Skees
17:33:09 David Hoffman, NWE
17:33:37 Vice Chair Skees
17:34:45 David Hoffman, NWE
17:34:51 Rep. Olsen
17:36:16 David Hoffman, NWE
17:37:08 Rep. Sullivan joined the meeting.
17:37:36 Rep. Olsen
17:38:19 David Hoffman, NWE
17:39:14 Rep. Olsen
17:39:29 David Hoffman, NWE
17:39:46 Chair Zolnikov
17:40:15 David Hoffman, NWE
17:41:53 Chair Zolnikov
17:42:07 David Hoffman, NWE
17:42:30 Rep. Olsen
17:43:15 Jason Brown, MCC
17:43:54 Rep. Olsen
17:44:12 Jason Brown, MCC
17:44:30 Vice Chair Pope
17:46:11 Jason Brown, MCC
17:47:32 Vice Chair Pope
17:47:53 Jason Brown, MCC
17:48:15 Chair Zolnikov
17:48:28 David Hoffman, NWE
17:48:51 Chair Zolnikov
17:49:22 David Hoffman, NWE
17:49:52 Rep. Hayman
17:50:42 Commissioner Koopman, PSC
17:53:33 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
17:54:16 Chair Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

17:54:35 Sen. Ankney

18:04:20 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:04:49

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh73aad.pdf](#))