

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on January 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Sen. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Trevor Graff, Legislative Branch
Jacelyn Stewart, Committee Secretary

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: Organizational meeting

INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

15:01:29 Sen. Temple
 15:01:39 Sen. Phillips
 15:01:59 Sen. Gauthier
 15:02:17 Sen. Vuckovich
 15:02:54 Jacelyn Stewart, committee secretary
 15:03:00 Trevor Graff, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 15:03:10 Chair Ankney
 15:03:39 Sen. Small
 15:04:05 Sen. McNally
 15:04:33 Sen. Richmond
 15:05:15 Sen. Barrett
 15:05:33 Sen. Kary
 15:06:01 Sen. Malek
 15:06:47 Sen. Regier
 15:07:18 Chair Ankney

RULES OF PROCEDURES

15:07:53 Chair Ankney

EXHIBIT(ens02a01)

15:08:19 Sen. Phillips

Motion/Vote

15:08:37 Sen. Kary moved **TO ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE**. Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

USE OF PROXIES

15:09:12 Chair Ankney

EXHIBIT(ens02a02)

SNACK FUND

15:11:51 Chair Ankney

INTRODUCTION OF AGENCIES

15:16:33 Laura Rennick, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
 15:19:24 Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Counsel
 15:22:24 Brad Johnson, chairman, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)
 15:28:36 Tim Baker, Montana council member, Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NWPCC)
 15:34:12 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)
 15:35:21 Aimee Grmoljez, Crowley Fleck PLLP
 15:35:55 David Hoffman, NorthWestern Energy

EXHIBIT(ens02a03)

15:38:18 Tom Ebzery, attorney, Billings
 15:38:57 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association
 15:40:06 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
 15:40:54 Mark Taylor, Taylor Luther Group

15:41:15 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest
15:41:53 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters

Questions from Committee Members:

15:42:32 Sen. Phillips
15:45:18 Mr. Johnson, PSC
15:46:42 Sen. Regier
15:49:09 Mr. Baker, NWPC
15:50:53 Chair Ankney
15:51:00 Mr. Graff, LSD

EXHIBIT(ens02a04)

15:52:51 Chair Ankney
15:52:58 Sen. McNally

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:53 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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