

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on January 22, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 93, 1/16/2019

HEARING ON SB 93

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:20 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 93, Require decommissioning and bonding for certain solar.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:50 Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations

Opponents' Testimony:

15:07:32 Jeff Fox, policy manager, Renewable Northwest

15:13:14 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

[EXHIBIT\(ens12a01\)](#)

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

[EXHIBIT\(ens12a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

15:17:47 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:18:43 Sen. Malek

15:23:10 Sen. Richmond

15:23:47 Sen. Phillips

15:24:54 Sen. Richmond

15:25:36 Sen. Temple

15:25:47 Sen. Richmond

15:26:29 Sen. McNally

15:27:41 Ms. Shannon, VK Clean Energy Partners

15:28:18 Sen. McNally

15:34:34 Sen. Richmond

15:34:56 Sen. Cuffe

15:35:44 Ms. Shannon

15:35:56 Sen. Gauthier

15:36:24 Sen. Richmond

15:37:20 Sen. Gauthier

15:37:32 Sen. Barrett

15:41:06 Sen. Richmond

15:42:15 Sen. Barrett

15:45:41 Ms. Shannon

15:45:48 Chair Ankney

15:45:57 Ms. Sharon

15:46:15 Sen. Phillips

15:47:42 Sen. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

15:48:27 Sen. Richmond

Committee Business:

15:50:07 Chair Ankney
15:50:23 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division
15:50:37 Chair Ankney
15:50:44 Sen. Phillips
15:51:10 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:51 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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