

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Small, on January 29, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (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:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)

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 103, 1/24/2019

HEARING ON SB 103**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:05:11 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 103, Revise laws on PSC regulation of municipalities.

[EXHIBIT\(ens17a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens17a02\)](#)

15:05:32 Chair Ankney entered the meeting.

15:05:53 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:04 John Sinrud, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)

15:10:13 Rick Linafelter, president, MLA

Opponents' Testimony:

15:10:56 Chris Kukulski, Billings City administrator

15:12:25 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

15:13:32 Greg Dorrington, City of Bozeman

15:13:39 Tim Burton, executive director, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Informational Testimony:

15:15:29 Justin Kraske, chief legal counsel, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:16:18 Sen. Barrett

15:18:43 Sen. Webb

15:19:10 Sen. Phillips

15:22:13 Sen. Webb

15:22:20 Sen. Barrett

15:23:29 Sen. Webb

15:23:41 Sen. McNally

15:24:07 Mr. Kraske, PSC

15:25:12 Sen. McNally

15:25:30 Mr. Burton, MLCT

15:25:45 Sen. McNally

15:29:30 Sen. Webb

15:30:13 Sen. McNally

15:30:33 Mr. Burton

15:31:51 Sen. Barrett

15:33:24 Mr. Burton

15:35:08 Sen. Ankney

15:37:39 Mr. Kraske

15:37:50 Sen. Malek

15:38:27 Mr. Burton

15:40:32 Sen. Malek

15:40:58 Mr. Burton

15:42:31 Sen. Malek

15:46:49 Sen. Webb

15:47:13 Sen. Kary

15:47:45 Mr. Kraske
15:48:45 Sen. Kary
15:49:12 Sen. Webb
15:49:21 Sen. Phillips
15:50:30 Sen. Webb
15:50:42 Sen. Cuffe
15:52:20 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

15:52:53 Sen. Webb

Committee Business:

15:55:04 Chair Ankney resumed the duties of the chair.
15:55:52 Sen. Malek
15:56:06 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:56 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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