

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Jason Small, on February 7, 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)

Members Excused:

Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

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 189, 1/30/2019; SB 190, 1/30/2019; SB 191, 2/4/2019

Hearing for SB 188 will be rescheduled.

HEARING ON SB 191

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:43 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 191, Allow counties to establish a coal trust fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:41 Doug Martens, commissioner, Rosebud County
15:06:52 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties
15:08:14 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations
15:08:35 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
15:10:16 Darrell Holzer, State Building and Construction Trade Union
15:10:59 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council
15:11:34 Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation

EXHIBIT(ens25a01)

15:12:54 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
15:13:31 Jason Rittal, deputy director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(ens25a02)

15:15:32 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters
15:15:54 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group
15:16:26 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:17:13 Chair Small
15:17:32 Mr. Martens, Rosebud County
15:18:20 Chair Small
15:18:25 Mr. Martens
15:18:31 Sen. Gauthier
15:19:05 Mr. Rittal, MACo
15:19:50 Sen. Gauthier
15:19:58 Mr. Rittal

Closing by Sponsor:

15:20:16 Sen. Ankney

HEARING ON SB 190

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:24:03 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 190, Establish targets, reporting, and monitoring for CO2 emissions.

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a06\)](#)

Sen. Ankney assumed the duties of the chair.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:40:04 Vicki Watson, self

15:42:56 Jan Hoem, Montana Elders for a Livable Tomorrow (MELT)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a08\)](#)

15:46:34 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council

15:47:38 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group

15:50:06 Malcolm Gilbert, Montana Environmental Information Center

15:51:06 Ruth Swenson, self

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a10\)](#)

15:56:14 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters

15:58:35 John Lund, self

Opponents' Testimony:

16:01:50 David Hoffman, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

16:03:35 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association

16:06:09 Tom Ebzery, Avista Corporation

16:08:15 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations

16:08:55 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

16:11:01 Aimee Grmoljez, MDU Resources

16:11:47 Robin Arnold, Public Service Commission

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a11\)](#)

16:12:09 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

16:13:48 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association

Informational Testimony:

16:15:40 David Klemp, Air Quality Bureau chief, Department of Environmental Quality

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:16:13 Sen. Malek

16:16:39 Mr. Ebzery, Avista

16:16:56 Sen. Malek

16:17:17 Sen. Phillips

16:17:51 Sen. Regier
 16:22:01 Sen. Phillips
 16:23:19 Sen. Barrett
 16:23:40 Sen. Phillips
 16:24:35 Sen. Barrett
 16:24:46 Sen. Phillips
 16:26:39 Sen. McNally
 16:29:02 Mr. Mahlum, MCC
 16:30:14 Sen. McNally
 16:31:12 Mr. Hoffman, NWE

Closing by Sponsor:

16:31:47 Sen. Phillips

HEARING ON SB 189

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:35:03 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 189, Establish a carbon tax and distribute revenue.

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a14\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

17:16:27 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a15\)](#)

17:19:26 Harold Hoem, self

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a16\)](#)

17:22:59 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest

17:25:03 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

17:26:05 Vicki Watson, self

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a17\)](#)

17:27:22 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council

17:27:52 Gary Hawk, self

17:29:59 Malcolm Gilbert, Montana Environmental Information Center

17:32:55 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

17:34:39 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group

17:37:08 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters

Opponents' Testimony:

17:37:46 David Hoffman, NorthWestern Energy

17:39:04 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

17:40:39 Tom Ebzery, Avista Corporation

17:43:11 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a18\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens25a19\)](#)

17:52:21 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Petroleum Association; Montana Dakota Utility Resources; CHS Refinery; Ash Grove Cement Company

EXHIBIT(ens25a20)

17:53:54 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

17:54:43 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association; Montana Wood Products Association

17:56:19 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations

Informational Testimony:

17:56:46 David Klemp, Air Quality Bureau chief, Department of Environmental Quality

17:57:02 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue

17:57:27 Brief recess

18:10:02 Reconvened

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

18:10:51 Sen. Small

18:11:25 Sen. Barrett

18:12:19 Sen. Small

18:13:30 Sen. Barrett

18:15:11 Sen. Phillips

18:18:30 Mr. Story

18:19:04 Sen. Cuffe

18:20:08 Sen. Phillips

18:20:58 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

18:23:05 Sen. Barrett

18:29:20 Chair Ankney

Please note: Hearing for SB 188 will be rescheduled. Visitor registration is attached.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:30 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Document:

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens25aad.pdf](#))