

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on March 12, 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: HJ 13, 2/28/2019; SB 245, 2/28/2019

HEARING ON SB 245**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:02 Sen. Mary McNally (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 245, Establish commercial property assessed clean energy program.

EXHIBIT(ens50a01)

15:07:51 Sen. Kary left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:15:32 Ed Gulick, vice president, High Plains Architects

EXHIBIT(ens50a02)

15:23:52 Mary Fitzpatrick, Northern Plains Resource Council

15:28:22 Ken Decker

EXHIBIT(ens50a03)

15:31:34 Kara Hogan, analyst, Farran Realty Partners

15:34:54 Robin Boyle, clean energy finance specialist, Department of Environmental Quality

15:37:03 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

15:39:02 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

15:44:27 William Gowen, Montana Land Title Association

15:47:15 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

15:50:16 Karen Smith, Montana Credit Unions

EXHIBIT(ens50a04)**Informational Testimony:**

15:53:11 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

15:53:35 Adam Gill, executive director, Montana Finance Facility Authority (MFFA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:56:07 Sen. Barrett

16:01:09 Mr. Gulick, High Plains Architects

16:01:47 Sen. Barrett

16:02:37 Sen. McNally

16:03:56 Mr. Turkiewicz, MBA

16:04:34 Sen. Regier

16:08:15 Sen. McNally

16:08:30 Sen. Regier

16:08:50 Mr. Haralson, MCTA

16:09:31 Sen. Temple

16:10:38 Sen. McNally

16:11:25 Sen. Gauthier

16:12:01 Sen. McNally

16:12:17 Sen. Malek

16:14:04 Sen. McNally

16:14:45 Sen. Malek
16:18:01 Mr. Gill, MFFA
16:18:12 Sen. McNally
16:18:38 Sen. Malek
16:19:41 Sen. McNally
16:19:58 Sen. Malek
16:20:58 Mr. Gulick
16:21:54 Sen. Small
16:22:44 Mr. Gill
16:23:09 Sen. Cuffe
16:24:08 Sen. McNally
16:24:18 Sen. Cuffe
16:24:49 Mr. Gulick
16:25:18 Sen. Cuffe
16:25:47 Sen. McNally

Closing by Sponsor:

16:26:12 Sen. McNally

HEARING ON HJ 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:28:59 Rep. David Dunn (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HJ 13, Resolution regarding the federal telecommunications law.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:32:58 Sen. Regier
16:33:11 Sen. Richmond
16:34:42 Rep. Dunn
16:35:19 Sen. Cuffe
16:36:09 Rep. Dunn
16:36:35 Sen. Barrett
16:37:50 Rep. Dunn

Closing by Sponsor:

16:38:07 Rep. Dunn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:42 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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