

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Jason Small, on April 11, 2019 at 4:19 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. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 44, 4/10/2019; HJ 12, 4/10/2019; HJ 38, 4/10/2019

Executive Action: SR 44, Be Adopted
HJ 38, Be Concurred In
HJ 12, Be Concurred In

16:19:52 Chair Small turned over the position and duties of the Chair to Vice Chair McNally.

HEARING ON SR 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:20:09 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 44, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation.

16:20:17 Sen. Vuckovich entered the meeting.

16:20:42 Sen. Ankney entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:21:07 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association

16:21:51 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, HD 45

16:22:04 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council

16:22:10 Sen. Richmond entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:22:50 Sen. Small

16:23:28 Sen. Ankney assumed the position and duties of the Chair.

HEARING ON HJ 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:23:51 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HJ 38, Interim study of bonding and decommissioning for energy resources.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:24:58 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council

16:25:42 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

16:25:57 Sen. Ankney left the meeting and turned the duties and position of the Chair over to Vice Chair Small.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:26:39 Rep. Zolnikov

HEARING ON HJ 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:27:02 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HJ 12, Study resolution on defense of state infrastructure.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:29:05 Rep. Read

Committee Business:

16:31:20 Chair Small
16:31:31 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division
16:31:56 Sen. McNally
16:32:11 Chair Small

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 44

16:33:21 **Motion:** Sen. McNally moved that **SR 44 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

16:33:46 Sen. Cuffe
16:33:51 Sen. Richmond
16:34:33 Vice Chair McNally

16:34:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Kary voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 38

16:35:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. McNally moved that **HJ 38 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Kary voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused. Sen. Small will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 12

16:36:19 **Motion:** Sen. McNally moved that **HJ 12 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:36:48 Sen. Barrett

16:37:51 Sen. Cuffe

16:39:14 Sen. Regier

16:39:34 Sen. Barrett

16:40:10 Sen. McNally

16:40:48 Chair Small

16:41:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett and Sen. Tempel voting no. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Kary voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

16:42:18 Chair Small

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:43 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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