

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Derek Skees, on January 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Derek Skees, Chair (R)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brittany Bury, Committee Secretary
Trevor Graff, Legislative Branch
Audio Notification

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 85, 1/7/2021

14:59:43 Chair Skees
15:00:35 Vice Chair Hayman joins meeting
15:00:44 Chair Skees

HEARING ON HB 85

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 85, Revising utility cost tracking and recovery laws.

15:02:50 Rep. Tschida
15:05:00 Chair Skees

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:08 Zachary Rogala, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)
15:06:06 Chair Skees
15:06:12 David Hoffman, Northwestern Energy
15:06:46 Scott Reichner, American Association of Retired People (AARP)
15:07:32 Chair Skees
15:07:51 Mike Green, Montana Dakota Utilities
15:08:29 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Counsel

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:24 Chair Skees

Closing by Sponsor:

15:10:44 Rep. Tschida
15:11:22 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 34

15:12:06 Chair Skees

15:12:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 34 DO PASS**. Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote.

15:13:11 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 85

15:13:54 Rep. Kortum

15:14:20 Brief Recess
15:20:59 Reconvened

15:21:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 85 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Duram voted by proxy.

15:21:38 Chair Skees
15:21:46 Vice Chair Zolnikov
15:21:53 Chair Skees

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:22:23

Brittany Bury, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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