

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Brittany Bury, Committee Secretary
Trevor Graff, Legislative Branch
Taylor Eggebrecht, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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: HB 99, 2/25/2021; HB 245, 2/25/2021

14:59:50 Chair Zolnikov assumed the chair

HEARING ON HB 99

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:03 Rep. Denise Hayman (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 99, Revise laws related to utility preapproval.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:56 Roger Koopman, Self

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15:21:35 Chair Zolnikov

15:22:25 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:24:54 Valerie Krex, Self

15:26:35 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)

15:27:33 Robert Byron, Montana Health Professionals for a Health Climate (MHPHC)

15:30:28 Caitlin Piserchia, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club

15:32:06 Mary Fitzpatrick, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:34:06 David Hoffman, North Western Energy (NWE)

15:43:24 Alan Olson, self

15:48:32 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)

15:50:23 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties (MOGCC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:52:09 Rep. Custer

15:52:53 David Hoffman, NWE

15:54:12 Rep. Kortum

15:55:00 Roger Koopman, self

15:57:28 Rep. Sullivan

15:57:53 Anne Hedges, MEIC

16:00:54 Rep. Binkley

16:01:46 Roger Koopman, self

16:03:30 Rep. Custer

16:04:27 Roger Koopman, self

16:05:48 Rep. Custer

16:06:32 David Hoffman, NWE

16:08:57 Rep. Skees

16:11:37 Jason Brown, MCC

16:12:31 Rep. Skees

16:13:51 Allen Olson, self

16:14:55 Rep. Olsen

16:16:59 David Hoffman, NWE

16:19:04 Rep. Olsen

16:19:49 Anne Hedges, MEIC

16:21:20 Rep. Phalen

16:21:55 David Hoffman, NWE

16:22:41 Chair Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

16:22:52 Rep. Hayman
16:26:09 Chair Zolnikov
16:26:21 Brief Recess
16:34:20 Reconvened

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

16:34:33 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 245, Revising electricity supply resource procurement approval.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:41:25 David Hoffman, North Western Energy (NWE)
16:43:13 Alan Olson, self
16:43:59 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
16:44:34 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)
16:45:44 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties (MOGCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:47:25 Robin Arnold, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)
16:51:57 Taylor Eggebrecht, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
16:52:53 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
16:57:20 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
17:00:36 Jan Hoem, self
17:02:53 Gary Matson, Friends of 2 Rivers, Inc.
17:04:27 Caitlin Piserchia, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club
17:05:29 Mary Fitzpatrick, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:08:02 Rep. Skees
17:08:33 Robin Arnold, PSC
17:08:51 Rep. Skees
17:10:01 Anne Hedges, MEIC
17:10:35 Rep. Skees
17:10:57 Rep. Brewster
17:11:35 Vice Chair Hayman
17:13:10 Robin Arnold, PSC
17:14:31 Rep. Custer
17:15:02 Robin Arnold, PSC
17:15:36 Chair Zolnikov
17:16:00 David Hoffman, NWE
17:16:24 Chair Zolnikov
17:16:54 Robin Arnold, PSC
17:17:44 Rep. Skees
17:18:09 Robin Arnold, PSC

Closing by Sponsor:

17:19:10	Rep. Brewster
17:21:40	Chair Zolnikov
17:22:43	Vice Chair Skees
17:23:25	Vice Chair Hayman
17:23:51	Rep. Olsen
17:24:24	Brittany Bury, Committee Clerk
17:25:19	Chair Zolnikov
17:25:35	Rep. Olsen
17:26:04	Chair Zolnikov
17:26:22	Rep. Kortum

ADJOURNMENT

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17:26:44

Brittany Bury, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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