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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Derek Skees, on April 28, 2021 at 8:00 A.M., 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)

Members Excused:

Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Brooke Sangray, 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: SJ 33, 4/28/2021

HEARING ON SJ 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:03:14 Sen. Christopher Pope (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 33, Interim study of Montana electric grid capacity.

08:10:53 Chair Skees

Proponents' Testimony:

08:11:31 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 44 (IBEW 44)

08:13:14 Chair Skees

08:13:17 Taylor Eggebrecht, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:13:38 Rep. Duram

08:14:08 Sen. Pope

08:17:00 Chair Skees

08:17:17 Vice Chair Hayman

08:18:21 Dwight Rose, IBEW 44

08:21:09 Vice Chair Hayman

08:21:19 Chair Skees

08:22:15 Rep. Duram left the meeting.

08:22:39 Sen. Pope

08:25:14 Chair Skees

08:25:50 Sen. Pope

08:26:59 Chair Skees

Closing by Sponsor:

08:27:04 Sen. Rose

08:28:02 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 33

Discussion:

08:28:17 Rep. Brewster

08:29:26 Chair Skees

08:31:28 Rep. Olsen

08:33:38 Chair Skees

08:33:52 Vice Chair Hayman

08:34:25 Rep. Kassmier left the meeting.

08:35:07 Vice Chair Zolnikov

08:35:58 Rep. Custer

08:37:23 Rep. Brewster

08:37:57 Chair Skees

08:38:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SJ 33 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Rep. Kassmier voting no. Rep. Duram, Rep. Kassmier and Rep. Sullivan voted by proxy. Rep. Zolnikov will carry the bill.

08:39:24 Chair Skees

08:39:29 Rep. Phalen

08:39:41 Rep Olsen

08:39:52 Chair Skees

08:40:00 Sen. Pope

08:40:33 Chair Skees

08:40:42 Rep. Zolnikov

08:40:51 Chair Skees

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:41:19

Brooke Sangray, Secretary

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