

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Jason D. Small, on January 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren de Paepe, Committee Secretary
Trevor Graff, Legislative Branch
Jacquie Simmons, 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: SB 81, 1/12/2021

HEARING ON SB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:36 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB81, Include prepaid wireless in 9-1-1 tax.

15:03:20 Sen. Kary entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:02 Geoff Feiss, general manager, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)
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15:08:04 Sen. Lynch entered the meeting.

15:08:42 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:11:03 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:11:28 Sen. Cuffe

15:11:56 Sen. Lynch left the meeting.

15:12:02 Sen. Regier

15:12:45 Sen. Cuffe

15:12:52 Sen. Regier

15:13:18 Chair Small

15:13:45 Mr. Feiss, MTA

15:13:56 Chair Small

15:14:32 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR

15:14:43 Sen. Cuffe

15:15:39 Sen. McNally

15:15:49 Sen. Regier

15:16:38 Sen. Cuffe

15:16:58 Mr. Baerlocher

15:17:48 Sen. McNally

15:18:30 Sen. Regier

15:19:00 Sen. McNally

15:19:17 Sen. Molnar

15:21:15 Mr. Feiss

Closing by Sponsor:

15:21:53 Sen. Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:23 PM

Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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