

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on January 28, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
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: None

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 134, 1/25/2021; SJ 3, 1/26/2021

HEARING ON SB 134

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:26 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB134, Revise board of investment loans for coal-fired generation remediation.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:42 Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

15:04:02 Sen. Molnar entered the meeting.

15:04:21 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip

15:04:47 Jessie Luther, Talen Montana

15:08:08 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council

15:08:35 David Hoffman, NorthWestern Energy

15:08:53 Dwight Rose, IBEW Local 44

15:09:19 Dave Englund, assistant business manager, Boilermakers Local 11

15:09:45 Kim Rickard-Smeltzer, Laborers Local 1686

15:10:22 John Johnson, business agent, IUOE Local 400

15:10:50 Luke Hoffer, assistant business manager, IBEW 233

15:11:10 Molly Schwend, Montana Coal Council

15:11:46 Derek Hitt, Montana Carpenters Local 82

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:09 Sen. McNally

15:13:38 Ms. Luther, Talen Montana

Informational Testimony:

15:14:17 Dan Villa, executive director, Montana Board of Investments, Department of Commerce (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:37 Sen. Molnar

15:16:58 Sen. Small

15:17:23 Ms. Luther, Talen Montana

15:17:57 Sen. Molnar

15:21:10 Sen. Small

15:21:20 Sen. Molnar

15:22:31 Sen. Pope

15:23:30 Mr. Villa, DOC

Closing by Sponsor:

15:24:55 Sen. Small

HEARING ON SJ 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:25:55 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SJ3, Provide for a feasibility study of advanced nuclear reactors.

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:33:35 Dave Englund, assistant business manager, Boilermakers Local 11

15:34:03 Adam Haight, Montana AFL-CIO

15:34:37 David Hoffman, NorthWestern Energy

15:35:55 Ryan Hall, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

15:38:03 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

15:39:51 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity Montana

15:40:09 Dwight Rose, IBEW Local 44

15:40:49 Marc Nichol, Nuclear Energy Institute

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a03\)](#)

15:46:10 Jeff Chaffee, retired environmental engineer, Clancy

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a04\)](#)

15:48:37 Glen Watford, vice president and chief engineer, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:51:27 Sen. Molnar

15:56:10 Sen. Gauthier

15:57:23 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division

Informational Testimony:

15:58:27 Christopher Colbert, chief strategy officer, NuScale Power

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:00:54 Sen. Pope

16:03:34 Sen. Gauthier

16:03:48 Mr. Colbert, NuScale Power

Closing by Sponsor:

16:04:32 Sen. Gauthier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 PM

Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens19aad.pdf](#))