

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Jason D. Small, on March 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Keith Regier (R)  
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

**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: HB 494, 3/11/2021; HJ 14, 3/11/2021

**HEARING ON HB 494**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:09 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB494, Revise transportation construction law.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:06:26 Dustin Rouse, preconstruction engineer, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Additional Testimony Received:**

**[EXHIBIT\(ens54a01\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:08:14 Sen. Tempel  
15:09:49 Mr. Rouse, MDT  
15:11:10 Sen. Pope  
15:14:03 Mr. Rouse

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:14:21 Rep. Harvey

**HEARING ON HJ 14**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:15:13 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HJ14, Joint resolution regarding public safety telecommunicator.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:19:47 Kimberly Burdick, 911 center director, Chouteau County  
15:23:24 Jessica Graham, public safety telecommunicator, 911 training officer, Chouteau County

**[EXHIBIT\(ens54a02\)](#)**

15:26:16 Susan Bomstad, national executive council representative, Montana chapter, Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials

**Additional Testimony Received:**

**[EXHIBIT\(ens54a03\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:30:20 Sen. Tempel

15:30:40 Sen. Cuffe entered the meeting.

15:31:24 Ms. Burdick, Chouteau County  
15:32:52 Sen. Regier

15:33:54 Sen. McNally entered the meeting.

15:35:31 Rep. Garner  
15:36:37 Sen. Kary  
15:39:32 Rep. Garner  
15:40:15 Sen. Cuffe  
15:40:27 Rep. Garner

15:41:00 Sen. Morigeau entered the meeting.

15:42:15 Sen. Pope  
15:43:07 Rep. Garner  
15:44:33 Sen. Tempel  
15:45:09 Sen. Kary  
15:45:20 Rep. Garner  
15:45:52 Sen. Kary

15:45:54 Sen. Molnar entered the meeting.

15:46:23 Rep. Garner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:46:45 Rep. Garner

15:48:07 Chair Small gave the duties of the chair to Sen. Ankney.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:49 PM

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Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ens54aad.pdf](#))