

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By Chairman Diane Rice, on March 26, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Diane Rice, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ron Stoker, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John Ward (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

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 337, SB 379, 3/15/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 379

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:10 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 379, Clarify public defender for post-conviction purposes.

EXHIBIT (juh64a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:01 Randi Hood, Chief Public Defender, Office of Public Defender, Butte, Montana

00:08:57 Jim Wheelis, Appellate Attorney, Office of Public Defender, Butte, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:29 Rep. Peterson

00:13:12 Ms. Hood

00:15:37 Rep. Rice

00:15:55 Ms. Hood

00:17:00 Rep. Stoker

00:17:31 Ms. Hood

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:07 Sen. Laslovich

HEARING ON SB 337

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:05 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 337, "Green" electricity buying cooperative.

EXHIBIT (juh64a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:30 Steve Corrick, Prudential Montana Real Estate, Vice-President, Green Electric Cooperative

EXHIBIT (juh64a03)

00:36:09 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO

00:38:15 Dave Ryan, Engineer, Windpark Solutions America, LLC.

00:46:28 Rep. George Groesbeck, HD 74
00:49:48 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)
00:50:46 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Alternative Energy Resources
Coalition
00:51:59 Rev. Brady Vardemann, Montana Association of Churches
00:53:25 Wayne Hirtzler, Rancher, Nye, Montana
00:55:28 Dan Casey, Self
00:55:54 Don Judge, Teamsters Local #190, Sierra Club, Montana
Chapter
00:59:22 George Harper, Self
01:00:19 Russell Doty, Executive Director, Green Electricity
Buying Cooperative

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:40 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Montana Public Service
Commission

EXHIBIT (juh64a04)

EXHIBIT (juh64a05)

01:20:28 John Alke, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company
01:28:07 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy Company
01:37:53 Brad Molnar, Public Service Commissioner, District 2

EXHIBIT (juh64a06)

EXHIBIT (juh64a07)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:21 Rep. French
01:52:46 Mr. Alke
01:58:08 Rep. Peterson
01:58:36 Mr. Corrick
02:02:45 Mr. Doty
02:09:12 Rep. Driscoll
02:09:23 Mr. Alke
02:13:45 Rep. Kottel
02:15:29 Mr. Molnar
02:19:51 Mr. Doty
EXHIBIT (juh64a08)
02:30:37 Rep. Koopman
02:31:53 Mr. Molnar
02:44:03 Mr. Corrick
02:46:46 Rep. Gallik
02:47:25 Mr. Jergeson
02:57:11 Rep. Wanzonried
03:03:36 Mr. Fitzpatrick

03:09:04 Rep. Rice

03:09:33 Mr. Ryan

03:14:35 Mr. Doty

Closing by Sponsor:

03:18:42 Sen. Wanzonried

03:24:26 Rep. French

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS:

Exhibits Received at conclusion of SB 337 submitted by Mr. Doty:

[EXHIBIT\(juh64a099\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh64a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh64a11\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:25 P.M.

REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

DR/ps

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([juh64aad.pdf](#))