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**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Art Noonan, on February 9, 2009 at 3:01 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Noonan, Chairman (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Llew Jones (R)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

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 343

Executive Action: None

00:01:20 Chairman Noonan opened the hearing on HB 343 and asked Vice Chair Robyn Driscoll to take over as temporary chair.

HEARING ON HB 343

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:47 Rep. Art Noonan (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 343, Revise renewable energy portfolio standard.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:27 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

[EXHIBIT \(feh30a01\)](#)

00:20:12 Brad Molnar, Commissioner, Public Service Commission

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:28 Ken Toole, Vice-Chairman, Public Service Commission

[EXHIBIT \(feh30a02\)](#)

00:30:16 Chuck Mugraw, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:57 Rep. Wiseman
00:35:26 Commissioner Toole
00:37:11 Rep. Wiseman
00:37:36 Commissioner Toole
00:38:45 Rep. Phillips
00:39:41 Commissioner Toole
00:41:04 Rep. Phillips
00:41:18 Commissioner Toole
00:41:46 Rep. Phillips
00:42:19 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:44:11 Rep. Jopek
00:44:57 Commissioner Toole
00:47:24 Rep. Jopek
00:48:22 Rep. Noonan
00:50:23 Rep. Jopek
00:51:25 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:54:33 Rep. Phillips
00:55:29 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:57:58 Rep. Wiseman
00:58:40 Mr. Fitzpatrick

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00:59:45 Rep. Wiseman

01:00:07 Mr. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:20 Rep. Noonan

01:05:26 Vice Chairman Driscoll closed the hearing on HB 343,
and Rep. Noonan resumed as Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:06 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([feh30aad.pdf](#))