

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Art Noonan, on March 25, 2009 at 3:36  
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 Phillips (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**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: None

Executive Action: HB 641; SB 257; SB 290; SB 403  
SB 424; SB 449

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 641**

00:01:20 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **HB 641 DO PASS.**

00:02:09 **Motion:** Rep. Noonan moved that **HB 641 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (feh66a01)**

**Discussion:**

00:02:25 Chairman Noonan

00:03:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. O'Hara,  
Rep. Stahl, and Rep. Wiseman voted by proxy.

00:03:43 **Motion:** Rep. Noonan moved that **HB 641 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (feh66a02)**

**Discussion:**

00:04:51 Rep. Regier  
00:05:40 Rep. Driscoll  
00:06:03 Rep. Regier  
00:07:05 Rep. Phillips  
00:08:03 Rep. Wiseman arrived.  
00:08:13 Chairman Noonan  
00:10:16 Rep. Reichner  
00:12:02 Rep. Driscoll  
00:12:21 Rep. MacLaren arrived.  
00:12:36 Rep. Regier

00:13:26 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-7 by roll call vote with  
Rep. Klock, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Regier, Rep. Reichner,  
and Rep. Stahl voting aye. Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek,  
Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

00:14:32 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **HB 641 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:14:45 Rep. Reichner  
00:15:34 Rep. Klock  
00:15:38 Chairman Noonan  
  
00:16:46 Rep. Driscoll withdrew her motion.

00:17:07 Rep. Klock  
00:17:23 Rep. Phillips

00:19:39 **Motion:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HB 641 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (feh66a03)**

**Discussion:**

00:20:00 Rep. Driscoll  
00:20:20 Rep. Wiseman

00:22:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek, Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl  
voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:22:29 Rep. Wiseman  
00:26:20 Rep. Regier  
00:26:36 Rep. Wiseman  
00:27:12 Rep. Regier  
00:27:32 Rep. Wiseman  
00:29:27 Rep. Phillips  
00:30:19 Chairman Noonan  
00:32:15 Rep. Phillips  
00:32:50 Rep. Wiseman

00:33:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-7 by roll call vote with  
Rep. Augare, Rep. Boland, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Noonan,  
Rep. Phillips, and Rep. Wiseman voting aye.  
Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek, Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl  
voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 424**

00:34:06 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 424 BE CONCURRED**  
**IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:34:18 Rep. Wiseman

00:34:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek, Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl  
voted by proxy. Rep. Wiseman will carry the bill in  
the House.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 403**

00:35:36 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 403 BE CONCURRED  
IN.**

00:36:24 **Motion:** Rep. Noonan moved that **SB 403 BE AMENDED.  
[EXHIBIT \(feh66a04\)](#)**

**Discussion:**

00:39:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek, Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl  
voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:39:49 Rep. Reichner  
00:39:56 Chairman Noonan

00:40:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-1 by roll call vote with  
Rep. Wiseman voting no. Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek,  
Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.  
Rep. Noonan will carry the bill in the House.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 290**

00:41:26 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 290 BE CONCURRED  
IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:41:36 Rep. Phillips  
00:42:28 Rep. Wiseman  
00:43:10 Rep. Phillips  
00:43:17 Rep. Klock  
00:43:49 Rep. Phillips  
00:44:57 Rep. Reichner  
00:45:09 Chairman Noonan  
00:45:52 Rep. Reichner  
00:46:03 Chairman Noonan  
00:46:30 Rep. Klock  
00:47:01 Rep. Phillips

00:47:22 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:48:37 Rep. Phillips  
00:48:56 Mr. Everts

00:49:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-6 by roll call vote with  
Rep. Augare, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Phillips,  
and Rep. Wiseman voting no. Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek,  
Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.  
Rep. Regier will carry the bill in the House.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 449**

00:51:17 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 449 BE CONCURRED  
IN.**

00:52:07 **Motion:** Rep. Klock moved that **SB 449 BE AMENDED.  
[EXHIBIT \(feh66a05\)](#)**

**Discussion:**

00:52:30 Mr. Everts

00:53:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek, Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl  
voted by proxy.

00:53:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-1 by voice vote with  
Rep. Wiseman voting no. Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek,  
Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.  
Rep. Noonan will carry the bill in the House.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 257**

00:54:19 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 257 BE CONCURRED  
IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:55:06 Rep. Wiseman  
00:55:54 Chairman Noonan  
00:57:35 Rep. Reichner  
00:59:00 Chairman Noonan  
01:00:09 Rep. Wiseman

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01:02:04 Rep. Phillips  
01:03:03 Rep. Reichner  
01:04:25 Rep. Phillips  
01:05:22 Rep. Regier  
01:05:55 Rep. Wiseman  
01:08:28 Rep. Augare  
01:10:45 Rep. MacLaren  
01:11:42 Rep. Phillips

01:12:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-6 by roll call vote with  
Rep. Augare, Rep. Boland, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Phillips,  
and Rep. Wiseman voting no. Rep. Jones, Rep. Jopek,  
Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:16:28 Adjournment: 4:52 P.M.

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Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([feh66aad.pdf](#))**