

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jerry W. Black, on March 26, 2009 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jerry W. Black, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch  
Nadine Spencer, 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: None

Executive Action: 584

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 584**

00:00:46 **Motion:** Sen. Gebhardt moved that **HB 584 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:00:57 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 584 BE TABLED.**

**Discussion:**

00:01:12 Sen. Erickson objected to the motion to table HB 584 on grounds of pending amendments that would essentially change HB 584.

00:01:31 Chairman Black allowed the amendments to be offered.

00:01:41 Sen. Erickson

00:02:03 **Motion:** Sen. Gebhardt moved that **HB 584 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT (ens67a01)**

**Discussion:**

00:02:17 Sen. Erickson

00:02:27 Sonja Nowakowski

00:04:26 Sen. Hawks

00:05:46 Sen. Erickson

00:07:29 Sen. Moss

00:08:27 Sen. Brown

00:09:17 Chairman Black

00:11:31 Sen. Hawks

00:11:53 Sen. Gebhardt

00:14:39 Sen. Hawks

00:15:17 Sen. Gebhardt

00:15:46 Sen. Curtiss

00:16:05 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Sens. Tropila and Esp voting by proxy.

00:16:40 **Motion:** Sen. Gebhardt moved that **HB 584 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:16:56 Sen. Brown

00:19:13 Sen. Erickson

00:20:21 Chairman Black

00:22:37 Sen. Gebhardt

00:23:40 Sen. Brown

00:24:08 Sen. Hawks

00:24:33 Chairman Black

00:25:01 **Vote: MOTION CARRIED** 6-5 by roll call vote with Sens. Brown, Esp, Lewis, Curtiss, and Black voting no and Sens. Esp and Tropila voting by proxy. Sen. Hawks will carry the bill in the Senate.

00:27:28 Sonja Nowakowski

00:27:39 Sen. Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([ens67aad.pdf](#))**