

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Harry Klock, on January 31, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Harry Klock, Chair (R)
Rep. Keith Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chair (D)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Cara Gold, 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: HB 295, 1/26/2011; HB 326, 1/26/2011

00:00:03 The Chair welcomed the committee and reviewed the committee rules and agenda.

HEARING ON HB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 295, Defining and recording wind energy rights.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:08 Mona Jamison, GAElectric, North America
[EXHIBIT\(feh24a01\)](#)

00:04:40 Rep. Peterson entered the hearing.

00:06:31 Rep. Driscoll entered the hearing.

00:09:08 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:09:43 Rep. Small entered the hearing.

00:11:12 Aeric Reilly, Montana Farmers Union

00:11:58 Ted Lovec, Montana Land Title Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:14 Mike Pichette, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:50 Rep. Regier
00:16:13 Mona Jamison
00:16:48 Rep. Phillips
00:17:40 Rep. Cook
00:18:16 Rep. Phillips
00:19:17 Mona Jamison
00:21:02 Rep. Peterson
00:21:27 Ted Lovec
00:21:33 Rep. Peterson
00:22:06 Ted Lovec
00:22:22 Rep. Peterson
00:22:56 Ted Lovec
00:24:11 Rep. Peterson
00:24:37 Mona Jamison
00:25:45 Rep. Knox
00:26:13 Mona Jamison

00:26:38 Rep. Klock
00:26:45 Mona Jamison

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:10 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 326

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:20 Rep. Dan Kennedy (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 326, Repeal laws authorizing statewide vote on nuclear facilities.

[EXHIBIT\(feh24a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh24a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:24 Ed Butcher, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh24a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh24a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh24a06\)](#)

00:34:44 Rep. Knudsen entered the hearing.

00:42:44 Rep. Driscoll left the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:50 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:47:45 Rep. Driscoll returned to the hearing.

00:52:23 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:44 Rep. Knox
00:55:06 Kyla Wiens
00:55:30 Rep. Knox
00:55:38 Kyla Wiens
00:55:53 Rep. Phillips
00:56:18 Rep. Kennedy
00:56:39 Rep. Peterson
00:57:15 Ed Butcher
00:57:48 Rep. Menahan
00:58:48 Rep. Kennedy

00:59:44 Rep. Menahan
01:00:28 Rep. Kennedy
01:00:58 Rep. MacLaren
01:01:14 Rep. Kennedy
01:01:27 Rep. MacLaren
01:01:45 Kyla Wiens

01:02:21 Rep. Phillips left the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:49 Rep. Kennedy

ADJOURNMENT

01:05:12 Adjournment

Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh24aad.pdf](#))