

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Harry Klock, on February 7, 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. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Absent: None

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 353, 2/2/2011; HB 392, 2/2/2011

00:00:04 The Chairman welcomed the committee and made committee announcements.

00:02:06 Rep. McNally entered the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 392

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:10 Rep. James Knox (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 392, Eliminate the misapplication of the 14th amendment to the US Constitution.

00:03:15 Rep. Skees left the hearing.

00:03:50 Rep. Phillips entered the hearing.

00:04:42 Rep. Driscoll entered the hearing.

00:05:22 Rep. Skees returned to the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:25 Robert Brown, Self

00:09:54 Rep. Stahl left the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:57 Senator Jonathan Windy Boy, SD 16

00:17:23 Rep. Franke Wilmer, HD 64

00:20:02 Rep. Phillips left the hearing.

00:20:25 Rep. Edith McClafferty, HD 75

00:22:06 Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez, HD 42 and The Montana American Indian Caucus

EXHIBIT(feh30a01)

00:25:16 Rep. Phillips returned to the hearing.

00:25:55 Niki Zupanic, The American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

00:33:02 Deborah Smith, Washington Chapter of The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

EXHIBIT(feh30a02)

00:35:02 Rep. Stahl returned to the hearing.

00:36:10 Shahid Haque-Hausrath, Self

00:37:51 Rep. O'Hara left the hearing.

00:40:20 Wilmot Collins, Self

00:42:59 Alex Corcoran, Self
00:44:15 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
(MCADSV)
00:44:57 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)
00:45:15 Alan Hansen, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:11 Rep. Phillips
00:46:59 Rep. Knox
00:47:52 Rep. Phillips
00:48:16 Rep. Knox
00:48:41 Rep. Driscoll
00:49:03 Rep. Knox
00:49:08 Rep. Driscoll
00:49:32 Rep. Knox
00:49:40 Rep. Driscoll
00:49:53 Rep. Knox

00:50:30 Rep. O'Hara returned to the hearing.

00:50:35 Rep. Driscoll
00:51:24 Rep. Knox
00:51:44 Rep. McNally
00:51:59 Rep. Knox

00:52:33 Rep. Peterson left the hearing.

00:52:49 Rep. McNally
00:52:57 Rep. Knox

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:58 Rep. Knox

HEARING ON HB 353

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:46 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 353, Equalize the property tax rates for certain electric transmission lines.

EXHIBIT(feh30a03)

01:00:00 Rep. Knox left the hearing.
01:02:47 Rep. Peterson returned to the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:38 Bob Haseman, Self
01:06:58 Robert Brown, Self
01:08:38 Brad Molnar, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:13:46 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic Development
[EXHIBIT\(feh30a04\)](#)
01:14:55 Rep. Klock left the hearing.
01:18:21 Rep. Klock returned to the hearing.
01:18:50 Allan Underdal, Toole County Commissioner

Informational Testimony:

01:23:24 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)
01:23:32 Rep. Phillips left the hearing.
01:23:34 Rep. Knox returned to the hearing.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:31 Rep. Regier
01:27:58 Evan Barrett
01:30:02 Rep. Regier
01:30:31 Evan Barrett
01:34:05 Rep. Regier
01:34:15 Evan Barrett
01:35:54 Rep. Knox
01:36:13 Brad Molnar
01:36:19 Rep. Knox
01:36:33 Brad Molnar
01:38:02 Rep. Knox
01:38:19 Brad Molnar
01:38:56 Rep. Peterson
01:39:31 Brad Molnar
01:40:04 Rep. Peterson
01:40:54 Evan Barrett
01:44:09 Rep. Peterson
01:44:26 Evan Barrett
01:44:35 Rep. Peterson
01:44:55 Evan Barrett

01:45:34 Rep. Stahl left the hearing.

01:46:18 Rep. MacLaren
01:46:41 Evan Barrett

01:46:45 Rep. Menahan left the hearing.

01:47:05 Rep. Menahan returned to the hearing.

01:47:24 Rep. Small left the hearing.

01:47:41 Rep. Stahl returned to the hearing.

01:48:17 Rep. MacLaren
01:48:22 Evan Barrett

01:48:32 Rep. Stahl left the hearing.

01:48:39 Rep. MacLaren
01:48:59 Rep. Skees
01:49:37 Rep. MacLaren
01:49:45 Rep. Skees
01:50:05 Rep. MacLaren
01:50:20 Rep. Skees
01:50:59 Rep. Klock
01:51:28 John Fitzpatrick

01:51:30 Rep. Stahl returned to the hearing.

01:52:27 Rep. McNally

01:52:31 Rep. Small returned to the hearing.

01:52:56 Evan Barrett
01:54:31 Rep. Stahl

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:52 Rep. Skees

02:02:34 Rep. Klock

02:02:45 Van Jamison, GAElectric. (Mr. Jamison was invited by the Chairman to discuss the placement of wind turbines to the committee.)

02:04:06 Rep. Stahl left the hearing.

02:06:42 Rep. Klock

ADJOURNMENT

02:07:00 Adjournment

Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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