

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Harry Klock, on March 2, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Harry Klock, Chair (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (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:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Mary McNally (D)  
Rep. James Knox (R)

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Cara Gold, Committee Secretary

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 7, 2/19/2011; SB 62, 2/19/2011; SB 65, 2/19/2011  
Executive Action: SB 7; SB 62; SB 65

00:00:04 The Chairman welcomed the committee and reviewed the committee rules.

00:00:51 Rep. McNally entered the hearing.

### **HEARING ON SB 7**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:14 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 7, Require price of any renewable energy credit for sale or use in state be listed.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:09 David Hoffman, Pennsylvania Power and Light Montana (PPL)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:05:12 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue

00:06:09 Al Brogan, Public Service Commission (PSC)

00:07:06 Rep. Knox entered the hearing.

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:27 Sen. Keane

00:7:59 Rep. Klock

00:08:01 Rep. O'Hara

### **HEARING ON SB 62**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:22 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 62, Eliminate PSC's ability to assign customers to electricity buying cooperatives.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:42 Al Brogan, PSC

#### **Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:50 Rep. Driscoll

00:12:10 Al Brogan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:31 Sen. Jones

00:13:00 Rep. Klock

00:13:05 Rep. Driscoll

**HEARING ON SB 65**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:13 Sen. Verdell Jackson (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 65, Modify process for revising the state energy policy.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:14:54 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:24 Sen. Jackson

00:17:57 Rep. Klock

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 7**

00:18:06 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **SB 7 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:18:23 Rep. Phillips

00:18:41 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:18:57 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Stahl made a substitute motion that **SB 7 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:19:34 Rep. Klock  
00:19:38 Todd Everts, LSD  
00:20:07 Rep. Regier  
00:20:20 Todd Everts  
00:20:56 Rep. Peterson  
00:21:08 Rep. Menahan

00:21:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Rep. MacLaren was not present and did not vote.

00:21:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Stahl moved that **SB 7 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Rep. MacLaren was not present and did not vote. Rep. Stahl will carry the bill.

SB 7 remains in committee per the request of the Chairman.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 62**

00:22:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 62 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Rep. MacLaren was not present and did not vote. Rep. Driscoll will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 65**

00:23:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Regier moved that **SB 65 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Rep. MacLaren was not present and did not vote. Rep. Regier will carry the bill.

00:23:44 Rep. Klock

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:24:09 Adjournment

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Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([feh47aad.pdf](#))