

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on March 8, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Roger A. Hagan (R)
Rep. Doug Kary (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Molly Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

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 546, 3/8/2013; HB 509, 3/8/2013
Executive Action on: SJ 6; SB 92

00:22:44 Chair Regier

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a01\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 546

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:27 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 546, Revise aeronautic laws.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:30 Rep. Hollandsworth

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a03\)](#)

00:25:30 Rep. Hollandsworth left.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:05 Mike Campbell, Association of Montana Aerial Applicators (AMAA)

00:26:36 Justin Ferguson, Big Timber

00:27:54 Darrin Pluhar, Business Owner, AMAA

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a04\)](#)

00:30:24 Van Jamison, Vice President, Gaelectric

00:32:09 Debbie Alke, Administrator, Aeronautics Division, Department of Transportation (MDOT)

00:33:14 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Grower's Association (MWGA)

00:35:13 Tom Ebzery, Montana Airport Manager's Association (MAMA)

00:35:41 John Maxness, Montana Aviation Trade Association (MATA)

00:36:38 Mike Korn, Assistant Chief, Law Enforcement, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a05\)](#)

00:38:07 Mike Ferguson, Aircraft Owner's and Pilot Association (AOPA)

00:38:59 Bob Hollister, Aerial Photographer, Aviation Organizations of Montana (AOM)

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a06\)](#)

00:39:50 Chuck Flynn, Montana Pilot's Association (MPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:17 Rep. Berry

00:41:27 John Semple, AMAA

00:42:40 Chair Regier

00:43:09 Ms. Alke, MDOT

00:43:22 Chair Regier

00:43:26 Ms. Alke, MDOT

00:43:52 Mr. Jamison, Gaelectric

00:45:29 Chair Regier

00:45:33 Mr. Jamison, Gaelectric

00:46:25 Chair Regier

00:46:34 Mr. Jamison, Gaelectric
00:47:14 Chair Regier closed hearing.

HEARING ON HB 509

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:15 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 509, Provide for prepaid wireless 911 service charge.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:39 Chuck Denowh, TracFone Wireless (TracFone)

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a09\)](#)

01:00:29 Leighton Lang, TracFone

[EXHIBIT\(feh50a10\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:06:29 Brad Griffin, President, Montana Retail Association (MRA)

01:10:32 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

01:12:56 Ronna Alexander, Convenience Store Association (CSA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:04 Rep. Boland
01:15:55 Mr. Denowh, TracFone
01:16:46 Rep. Boland
01:17:05 Mr. Denowh, TracFone
01:17:41 Rep. Boland
01:18:13 Ms. Alexander, CSA
01:18:32 Rep. Boland
01:18:38 Ms. Alexander, CSA
01:19:13 Rep. Steenberg
01:19:49 Mr. Kadas, DOR
01:20:05 Rep. Steenberg
01:20:24 Mr. Kadas, DOR
01:20:55 Rep. Steenberg
01:21:15 Gene Walborn, Administrator, DOR
01:22:57 Rep. Berry
01:23:58 Mr. Kadas, DOR
01:24:02 Mr. Walborn, DOR
01:24:54 Rep. Berry
01:25:11 Mr. Griffin, MRA
01:25:47 Rep. Berry
01:25:55 Mr. Griffin, MRA
01:26:17 Rep. Berry
01:26:53 Mr. Lang, TracFone
01:28:06 Rep. Berry
01:28:16 Rep. McNally

01:28:47 Mr. Griffin, MRA
01:29:01 Rep. McNally
01:29:35 Mr. Lang, TracFone

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:32 Rep. Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 6

Discussion

01:32:27 Chair Regier

01:32:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **SJ 6 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Lang, Rep. Moore and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy. Rep. Knudsen will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 92

01:34:15 **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **SB 92 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion

01:34:26 Rep. Berry

01:34:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Lang, Rep. Moore and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy. Rep. Berry will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:35:26

Molly Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh50aad.pdf](#))