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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on March 11, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Molly Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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: SB 26, 3/11/2013; SB 45, 3/11/2013; SB 106, 3/11/2013

00:21:04 Rep. O'Hara

HEARING ON SB 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:06 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 45, Revise the renewable portfolio standard laws to include hydro expansions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:00 Rep. Steenberg entered.

00:25:06 David Hoffman, Director, External Affairs, PPL Montana

00:31:24 Bob Lake, Vice Chair, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

00:33:22 Jordan Thompson, Attorney, Energy Keepers Incorporated

EXHIBIT(feh52a01)

00:39:25 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

00:39:48 Brett Doney, President, Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA)

00:42:28 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

00:43:12 Dan Flynn, IBEW

00:43:53 Chris Cavazos, Political Director, Montana State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:00 Rep. Moore entered.

00:44:26 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)

EXHIBIT(feh52a02)

EXHIBIT(feh52a03)

00:54:14 Kate Cholewa, Lobbyist, City of Missoula

00:55:17 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT(feh52a04)

EXHIBIT(feh52a05)

00:58:21 Chair Regier entered.

01:01:51 Ben Brouwer, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA), and Alternative Energy Resources Association (AERO)

01:02:24 Tim Baker, Natural Resource Policy Advisor, Governor's Office (GOV)

01:03:49 Sam Thompson, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:10 Rep. McNally

01:05:38 Jordan Thompson, Energy Keepers

01:05:54 Rep. Berry

01:06:19 Mr. Hoffman, PPL Montana

01:06:51 Rep. Hagan

01:07:28 Mr. Fox, RNP

01:07:52 Rep. Hagan

01:08:31 Mr. Fox, RNP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:19 Sen. Keane

HEARING ON SB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:15 Sen. Greg Jergeson (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 26, Clarifying renewable portfolio standard provisions.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:56 Jason Brown, Attorney, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

EXHIBIT(feh52a06)

01:17:52 Van Jamison, Vice President, Gaelectric

01:19:06 Bob Lake, Vice Chair, PSC

01:19:48 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:20:55 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:47 Rep. Knudsen

01:25:31 Mr. Brown, PSC

01:26:23 Rep. McNally left.

01:26:58 Rep. Knudsen

01:27:12 Mr. Brown, PSC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:22 Sen. Jergeson

HEARING ON SB 106

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:29:34 Sen. Greg Jergeson (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 106, Revise definition of eligible renewable resource.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:52 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)

01:35:33 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT(feh52a07)

01:41:24 Van Jamison, Vice President, Gaelectric

01:43:49 Bob Lake, Vice Chair, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

01:44:44 Sam Thompson, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

01:45:13 Ben Brouwer, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA), and Alternative Energy Resources Association (AERO)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:45:40 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:00 Sen. Jergeson

Discussion

01:51:24 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:51:54

Molly Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh52aad.pdf](#))