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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 13, 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. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Doug Kary (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

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 125, 3/13/2013; SB 325, 3/13/2013; SB 327, 3/13/2013

00:25:39 Chair Regier
00:26:20 Rep. Berry
00:26:33 Chair Regier

HEARING ON SB 125

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:03 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 125, Revising penalties for failure to meet renewable energy requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:40 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:38:32 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:44:55 Sen. Mitch Tropila (D), SD 12
00:47:41 Ben Brouwer, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA), Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
00:52:49 Francis Kromkowski, Self
00:56:19 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)
01:01:00 Ross Prosperi, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:50 Rep. McNally
01:02:39 Sen. Olson
01:04:06 Rep. McNally
01:04:20 Sen. Olson
01:04:29 Rep. McNally
01:04:53 Mr. Fitzpatrick, NWE
01:06:11 Rep. McNally
01:06:19 Mr. Fitzpatrick, NWE

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:35 Sen. Olson

HEARING ON SB 327

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:08 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 327, Generally revise renewable portfolio standard.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:11:48 Mark Lambrecht, Executive Director, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:52 Sen. Olson

HEARING ON SB 325

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:00 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 325, Revise renewable portfolio standard laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:51 Mark Lambrecht, Executive Director, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)

01:16:26 Henry Kriegel, Deputy State Director, Americans For Prosperity (AFP)

01:16:59 Steven Smith, Engineer

Opponents' Testimony:

01:20:27 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

01:25:26 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)

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01:27:19 Ross Proseri, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

01:27:38 Francis Kromkowski, Self

01:29:42 Clayton Elliott, Members of the Northern Plains Resource Council (Northern Plains)

Informational Testimony:

01:30:13 David Klemp, Bureau Chief, Air Quality Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

01:30:41 Ted LaDoux, Executive Director, Western Wood Preservers Institute (WWPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:33 Rep. Boland

01:32:32 Mr. Klemp, DEQ

01:33:03 Rep. Zolnikov

01:33:49 Sen. Olson

01:34:48 Rep. McNally

01:35:37 Ms. Maki, MEIC

01:37:15 Rep. McNally

01:37:42 Ms. Maki, MEIC

01:38:09 Rep. Lang

01:38:39 Mr. Klemp, DEQ

01:39:08 Chair Regier

01:39:59 Rep. Steenberg

01:40:11 Mr. Klemp, DEQ

01:41:06 Rep. Moore

01:41:32 Mr. Klemp, DEQ

01:41:46 Rep. Boland

01:42:12 Sen. Olson

01:42:22 Rep. Boland

01:42:33 Sen. Olson

01:42:47 Mr. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:21 Sen. Olson

Discussion

01:47:07 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:49:18

Molly Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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