

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on March 22, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 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. 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: None

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: SB 31, 3/22/2013; SB 180, 3/22/2013

00:57:01 Chair Regier

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a02\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:25 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 31, Revise definition of eligible renewable resource.

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:56 Steven Jennings, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:58 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

01:09:45 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a06\)](#)

01:18:00 Tim Baker, Natural Resource Policy Advisor, Governor's Office (GOV)

01:19:58 Clayton Elliott, Members of the Northern Plains Resource Council (Northern Plains)

01:21:08 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

01:21:54 Sam Thompson, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:58 Sen. Barrett

HEARING ON SB 180

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:24:47 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 180, Revise eminent domain laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:43 Rachel Roberts, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a07\)](#)

01:30:50 Peter Scott, Concerned Citizens Montana (CCM)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a08\)](#)

01:38:17 John Vincent, Self

01:47:45 Hertha Lund, Self

01:52:46 Steven Jennings, Beaverhead Outdoors Association (BOA)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a09\)](#)

01:53:23 Bob Haseman, Concerned Citizens of Montana (CCM) and Ranch Owner

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a10\)](#)

01:59:30 Jim Boyd, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a11\)](#)

02:01:20 Leonard Wortman, Chairman, Jefferson County Commission

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a12\)](#)

02:01:54 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

02:02:24 Shelby Demars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

02:02:37 Clayton Elliott, Members of the Northern Plains Resource Council (Northern Plains)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a13\)](#)

02:03:16 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrower's Association (MSGA)

02:03:46 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmer's Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:04:09 John Alke, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a15\)](#)

02:15:18 Leo Berry, Attorney

02:21:33 Rep. Berry

02:21:48 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a17\)](#)

02:29:46 Darryl James, Regulatory Consultant

02:38:03 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

02:38:21 Jolene Bach, Vice President, Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:38:46 Rep. Kary

02:39:18 Ms. Lund

02:39:41 Rep. Kary

02:39:45 Ms. Lund

02:40:01 Rep. Kary

02:40:26 Ms. Lund

02:40:47 Rep. Kary

02:40:53 Ms. Lund

02:41:20 Rep. McNally

02:42:18 Mr. Alke, MDU

02:43:19 Rep. McNally

02:43:30 Mr. Vincent

02:45:52 Rep. McNally

02:46:22 Mr. Alke, MDU

02:47:21 Rep. McNally

02:47:32 Mr. Alke, MDU

02:47:58 Rep. Berry

02:48:30 Mr. Haseman, CCM

02:49:46 Rep. Berry

02:50:09 Mr. James

02:50:26 Rep. Steenberg
02:51:01 Mr. Vincent
02:53:31 Rep. Kary
02:53:58 Ms. Demars, UPOM
02:55:17 Rep. Kary
02:55:35 Ms. Lund
02:56:30 Rep. Kary
02:56:36 Ms. Lund
02:57:31 Rep. Kary
02:57:36 Ms. Lund
02:58:03 Rep. Kary
02:58:31 Ms. Lund
02:58:45 Rep. McNally
02:59:24 Mr. Scott, CCM
03:02:57 Chair Regier
03:03:08 Mr. Scott, CCM

Closing by Sponsor:

03:03:19 Sen. Barrett

[EXHIBIT\(feh62a18\)](#)

Discussion

03:09:41 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:10:22 Sen. Barrett
03:10:45 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:11:50

Molly Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh62aad.pdf](#))