

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Alan Olson, on January 29, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Alan Olson, Chair (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, 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 106, 1/28/2013; SB 164, 1/28/2013

Presentation by ONEOK, Inc. and ONEOK Partners on Natural Gas Liquid (NGL)

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00:20:02 Steve Johnson, Vice President, Government Relations, ONEOK, Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a01\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 164

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:27 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 164, Exempt small utilities from RPS requirements.

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:59 Tom Ebzery, Attorney, Avista Corporation (AC)

00:39:41 John Alke, Attorney, Black Hills Power and Light (BHPL)

00:44:01 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:52 Sen. Tropila

00:46:45 Mr. Alke, BHPL

00:48:57 Sen. Tropila

00:48:07 Mr. Ebzery, AC

00:49:03 Sen. Jergeson

00:49:53 Mr. Alke

00:49:47 Sen. Jergeson

00:49:53 Mr. Ebzery

00:50:18 Chairman Olson

00:50:28 Mr. Alke

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:56 Sen. Keane

HEARING ON SB 106

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:55 Sen. Greg Jergeson (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 106, Revise definition of eligible renewable resource.

[EXHIBIT\(ens19a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:02 Bob Lake, Vice Chairman, Public Service Commission (PSC)
01:02:21 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT(ens19a04)

01:08:49 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA)
01:09:04 Ben Brower, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA)
01:10:13 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

EXHIBIT(ens19a05)

01:12:31 Jeff Fox, Montana Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:47 Sen. Arthun
01:17:06 Sen. Jergeson
01:17:23 Sen. Arthun
01:17:33 Sen. Jergeson
01:18:03 Chairman Olson
01:18:30 Sen. Jergeson
01:19:38 Chairman Olson
01:19:42 Mr. Fox, RNP
01:21:20 Sen. Jackson
01:21:51 Mr. Fox
01:22:43 Sen. Jackson
01:23:07 Mr. Fox
01:23:20 Sen. Jackson
01:23:35 Chairman Olson
01:24:06 Sen. Jergeson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:22 Sen. Jergeson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:24 p.m.

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens19aad.pdf](#))