

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Alan Olson, on April 9, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 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. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused:

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 509, 4/4/2013; HB 575, 4/4/2013; SR 56, 4/4/2013; SR 57, 4/4/2013; SR 58, 4/4/2013; SR 59, 4/4/2013

Executive Action: HB 575 - Be Concurred In (carried by Sen. Arthun)
HB 509 - Motion Withdrawn

HEARING ON HB 509

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:52 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 509, Provide for prepaid wireless 911 service charge.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:30 Chuck Denowh, TracFone Wireless (TFW)
EXHIBIT(ens74a01)

00:05:35 Sen. Priest left the hearing.

00:11:52 Mark Baker, representing AT&T

00:13:17 Mark Staples, representing Verizon Wireless

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:47 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:32 Sen. Arthun

00:16:55 Mr. Denowh, TFW

00:18:38 Sen. Arthun

00:18:56 Mr. Kadas, DOR

00:19:13 Sen. Larsen

00:19:26 Mr. Kadas

00:19:48 Sen. Larsen

00:20:09 Gene Walborn, Administrator, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:21:12 Sen. Arthun

00:21:32 Mr. Denowh

00:22:09 Sen. Jergeson

00:22:37 Mr. Denowh

00:23:07 Chairman Olson

00:23:47 Mr. Denowh

00:24:52 Chairman Olson

00:30:18 Mr. Walborn, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:40 Rep. Regier

HEARING ON HB 575

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:51 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 575, Generally revise 9-1-1 laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:19 Bonnie Lorang, General Manager, Montana Independent Telecommunication System (MITS)

EXHIBIT(ens74a02)

00:48:24 Sen. Walker left the hearing.

00:54:09 Geoff Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

00:54:32 Ron Devlin, representing Fallon County

00:55:57 Mark Staples, representing Verizon Wireless

00:56:28 Margaret Morgan, Mid-Rivers Communications (MRC)

EXHIBIT(ens74a03)

00:58:46 Shantil Siaperas, Legislative Coordinator, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:59:07 Gordon Morris, representing Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:47 Sen. Tropila

01:00:35 Ms. Morgan, MRC

01:00:43 Sen. Tropila

01:01:012 Ms. Lorang, MITS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:50 Rep. Berry

HEARING ON SR 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:54 Sen. Greg Jergeson (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 58, Confirm Governor's appointee to board of oil and gas.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:59 Mary Sexton, appointee

EXHIBIT(ens74a04)

01:11:28 Jim Jensen, Executive Director, Montana Environmental Information Center

Opponents' Testimony:

01:12:57 Ross Salmond, representing himself

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:27 Sen. Larsen
01:19:28 Ms. Sexton, appointee
01:20:43 Sen. Tropila
01:22:21 Mr. Salmond, self
01:22:50 Sen. Tropila
01:25:45 Ms. Sexton
01:27:12 Chairman Olson
01:38:22 Ms. Sexton
01:39:21 Sen. Tropila
01:40:35 Ms. Sexton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:51 Sen. Jergeson

HEARING ON SR 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:44:06 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SR 56, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Oil and Gas.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:08 Sen. Larsen
01:45:25 Chairman Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:38 Sen. Olson

HEARING ON SR 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:46:19 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SR 57, Confirm Governor's appointee to the board of oil and gas.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:43 Sen. Olson

HEARING ON SR 59

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:29 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SR 59, Confirm Governor's appointee to the board of oil and gas.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:27 Sen. Olson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 509

01:50:16 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 509 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:50:35 Sen. Tropila
01:51:00 Chairman Olson
01:51:04 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:51:25 Chairman Olson
01:51:57 Sen. Tropila
01:52:21 Chairman Olson

01:53:44 Sen. Kaufmann
01:54:02 Sen. Driscoll
01:54:17 Chairman Olson
01:54:24 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
01:54:53 Sen. Jergeson
01:55:53 Chairman Olson
01:56:05 Sen. Tropila
01:56:33 Sen. Jergeson
01:56:37 Sen. Arthun
01:56:39 Chairman Olson

01:56:47 Without objection, Sen. Jackson withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 575

01:57:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 575 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Jones, Sen. Priest, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker were excused. Sen. Arthun will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens74aad.pdf](#))