

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on January 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, 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:

Executive Action: HB 112, HB 42

[EXHIBIT\(feh10a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh10a02\)](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 112

00:01:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 112 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 42

00:02:29 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 42 DO PASS**.
[EXHIBIT\(feh10a03\)](#)

00:02:38 **Motion:** Rep. Schreiner moved that **HB 42 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:03:32 Rep. Schreiner

00:04:08 Rep. Zolnikov

00:04:13 Rep. Schreiner

00:04:24 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)

00:06:13 Rep. Berry

00:06:40 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:06:47 Rep. Schreiner

00:07:48 Chairman Lang

00:07:54 Without objection, Rep. Schreiner withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

00:07:59 Without objection, Rep. Zolnikov withdrew the DO PASS motion.

Informational Discussion on Net Metering

00:08:27 Rep. Zolnikov

00:09:12 Chairman Lang

00:09:34 Rep. Perry left the meeting

00:09:39 Rep. D. Moore left the meeting

00:11:19 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)

[EXHIBIT\(feh10a04\)](#)

00:21:29 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission, (PSC)

00:32:41 Rep. Pinocci

00:32:48 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:34:51 Rep. Pinocci

00:35:01 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:35:45 Rep. Pope

00:37:00 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:37:31 Rep. Pope

00:37:53 Travis Kavulla, PSC
 00:38:11 Rep. Pope
 00:38:31 Ben Brouwer, Montana Renewable Energy Association, (MREA)
EXHIBIT(feh10a05)
 00:45:23 Sarah Wolfe, Sunrun Inc. and The Alliance for Solar Choice, (TASC)
 00:47:20 Rep. Perry returns to the meeting
 00:49:33 Kathy Montgomery, Department of Environmental Quality, (DEQ)
 00:53:15 Rep. Pinocci
 00:55:57 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest, (RNW)
 01:02:23 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy, (NWE)
EXHIBIT(feh10a06)
 01:09:36 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperative Association,(MECA)
 01:14:11 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities, (MDU)
 01:16:16 Rep. Person
 01:16:47 John Fitzpatrick, NWE
 01:18:43 Sarah Wolfe, Sunrun Inc. and TASC
 01:19:57 Chairman Lang
 01:20:08 Sarah Wolfe, Sunrun Inc. and TASC
 01:20:48 Rep. Welborn
 01:21:19 Kathy Montgomery, DEQ
 01:21:43 Rep. Welborn
 01:21:52 Kathy Montgomery, DEQ
 01:22:23 Rep. Zolnikov
 01:23:31 Ben Brouwer, MREA
 01:24:26 Rep. Zolnikov
 01:25:08 John Fitzpatrick, NWE
 01:28:47 Rep. Custer
 01:29:00 Travis Kavulla, PSC
 01:29:51 Rep. Pope
 01:30:15 Travis Kavulla, PSC
 01:31:43 Rep. Pope
 01:31:59 Travis Kavulla, PSC
 01:32:36 Rep. Pope
 01:33:19 Travis Kavulla, PSC

ADJOURNMENT

01:34:34

Adjournment:

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh10aad.pdf](#))