

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 4, 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. 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)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 296, 1/26/2015; HB 353, 1/26/2015; HJ 11, 1/26/2015

Executive Action: HB 226, HB 252

00:00:03 Chairman Lang
00:01:14 Rep. Berry
00:01:49 Vice Chairman Zolnikov

HEARING ON HJ 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:00 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HJ 11, Joint resolution regarding the keystone pipeline.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:56 Jon Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties
00:04:16 Rep. Knudsen entered
00:04:42 J D Lynch, Carpenters of Montana and Building and Construction Trades of Montana
00:05:158 Rep. Welborn left the hearing
00:05:51 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:06:32 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau (MFU)
00:07:01 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)
00:08:22 Bob Gilbert, Roosevelt, Dawson, Phillips and Musselshell Counties
00:09:17 Jason Rittal, Eastern Plains Economic Development Cooperation
00:09:47 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters
00:10:22 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
00:11:17 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities
00:12:02 Rep. Noonan, HD 74

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:41 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:19:31 Jill Feldhusen, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:24 Rep. Berry
00:22:47 Kyla Mackie, MEIC
00:23:40 Rep. Berry
00:23:44 Kyla Mackie, MEIC
00:23:57 Rep. Berry
00:24:01 Kyla Mackie, MEIC
00:24:47 Rep. Pope
00:25:19 Dave Galt, MPA
00:26:28 Vice Chairman Zolnikov
00:27:04 Dave Galt, MPA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:27 Rep. Lang

00:31:18 Chairman Lang

HEARING ON HB 353

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:49 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 353, Revise laws related to public service commission vacancy.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:31 Bob Lake, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:11 Rep. Steenberg
00:44:11 Rep. Greef
00:45:18 Bob Lake, PSC
00:46:51 Rep. Person
00:47:39 Bob Lake, PSC
00:49:16 Rep. Pope
00:49:45 Bob Lake, PSC
00:50:07 Rep. Richmond
00:50:27 Bob Lake, PSC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:07 Rep. Greef

HEARING ON HB 296

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:25 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 296, Revise laws regarding mutual aid frequency coordination.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:02 Quinn Ness, Bureau Chief of the Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:49 Rep. Berry
00:59:13 Quinn Ness, DOA
00:59:36 Rep. Berry
00:59:55 Quinn Ness, DOA
01:00:33 Rep. Pope
01:01:08 Quinn Ness, DOA
01:02:36 Rep. Richmond
01:03:57 Quinn Ness, DOA

01:04:37 Rep. Zolnikov
01:04:54 Quinn Ness, DOA
01:05:33 Rep. Steenberg
01:06:09 Quinn Ness, DOA
0:06:55 Rep. Lynch entered
01:07:45 Rep. Steenberg
01:08:19 Quinn Ness, DOA
01:08:55 Rep. Steenberg
01:09:35 Quinn Ness, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:01 Rep. Noonan

01:10:59 Recess

01:16:11 Reconvened

01:16:13 Chairman Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 226

01:17:01 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 226 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:17:18 Rep. Zolnikov
01:17:22 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:17:34 Rep. Richmond
01:19:14 Rep. Steenberg
01:19:22 Rep. Richmond
01:20:39 Rep. Steenberg

01:20:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Moore and Rep. Welborn voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 252

01:22:04 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 252 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:22:09 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:22:31 Rep. Berry
01:23:36 Rep. Pope
01:24:26 Rep. Person
01:25:10 Rep. Schreiner
01:25:57 Rep. Custer
01:26:10 Chairman Lang
01:26:31 Rep. Steenberg
01:27:06 Rep. Custer

01:27:11 Rep. Zolnikov
01:27:19 Chairman Lang
01:27:23 Rep. Zolnikov
01:27:35 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:27:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Lynch, Rep. Perry, Rep. Person, Rep. Pope, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Steenberg voting aye. Rep. Moore and Rep. Welborn voted by proxy.

01:28:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 252 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Moore and Rep. Welborn were excused.

01:29:27 Chairman Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:30:13

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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