

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on March 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
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. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)

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: SB 261, 3/11/2015

EXHIBIT(feh54a01)

00:00:02 Chairman Lang
00:01:04 Rep. Lynch entered

HEARING ON SB 261

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:36 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 261, Montana sage grouse stewardship act.

EXHIBIT(feh54a02)

EXHIBIT(feh54a03)

00:06:00 Rep. Custer entered

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:02 Rep. Shaw, HD 71
00:11:12 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
EXHIBIT(feh54a04)
00:23:47 Chairman Lang
00:24:17 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
00:35:58 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association and Montana Cattle Woman (MSGA) (MCW)
00:39:29 Les Gilman, Range Land Resource Committee
00:43:35 Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties
00:45:18 Rep. Perry entered the hearing
00:46:11 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:47:43 Jon Metropoulos, Oil, Gas and Coal Cities
00:48:53 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts
00:51:02 Ann McCauley, Montana Conservation Districts
00:51:59 Mary Hollow, The Nature Conservancy
00:53:52 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council (MCC)
00:54:14 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:54:51 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:56:31 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
00:59:54 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Research Industry Association (TSRIA)
01:00:37 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:01:27 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
01:02:51 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives (MECA)
01:03:02 Mark Baker, Denbury Resources
01:04:53 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities Resources (MDUR)
01:06:19 Kevin Chapel, Trust Lands Division
01:07:24 Jeff Hagener, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
01:07:49 Bob Sivertsen, Self

EXHIBIT(feh54a05)

01:12:36 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

EXHIBIT(feh54a06)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:04 Rep. Moore
 01:14:35 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 01:15:13 Chairman Lang
 01:16:03 Jeff Hagener, FWP
 01:16:56 Chairman Lang
 01:17:03 Jeff Hagener, FWP
 01:17:38 Rep. Pope
 01:18:19 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 01:19:04 Chairman Lang
 01:19:28 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 01:20:11 Chairman Lang
 01:20:34 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 01:21:41 Chairman Lang
 01:21:59 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 01:22:03 Chairman Lang
 01:22:30 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 01:23:13 Chairman Lang
 01:23:31 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 01:24:03 Chairman Lang
 01:24:22 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
 01:24:34 Chairman Lang
 01:24:42 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
 01:25:14 Chairman Lang
 01:25:22 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
 01:25:50 Chairman Lang
 01:26:03 Rep. Shaw, HD 71
 01:29:46 Rep. Custer
 01:30:18 Mary Hollow, The Nature Conservancy
 01:30:55 Rep. Custer
 01:31:34 Jeff Hagener, FWP
 01:32:22 Chairman Lang
 01:33:32 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 01:34:16 Chairman Lang
 01:34:25 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:35:26 Chairman Lang
 01:35:51 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 01:36:24 Rep. Pope
 01:37:20 Tim Baker, Governor's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:59 Sen. Hamlett
 01:46:39 Chairman Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:47:00

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh54aad.pdf](#))