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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on March 25, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
- Rep. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
- Rep. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)
- Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chair (R)
- Rep. Tom Berry (R)
- Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
- Rep. Roger A. Hagan (R)
- Rep. Doug Kary (R)
- Rep. Mike Lang (R)
- Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
- Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
- Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
- Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
- Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, 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:
Executive Action: HB 617 - Do Pass As Amended`
00:52:31 Rep. Regier

HEARING ON HB 617

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
00:53:58 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 617, Study condemnation laws.

Proponents' Testimony:
00:57:06 Hertha Lund, Self
00:58:24 Rep. Knudsen joined the meeting.
01:00:38 Rep. Regier
01:00:48 Hertha Lund, Self

EXHIBIT(feh64a01)
EXHIBIT(feh64a02)
EXHIBIT(feh64a03)
EXHIBIT(feh64a04)
EXHIBIT(feh64a05)
01:07:03 Rep. Regier
01:07:05 Hertha Lund, Self
01:08:03 Rep. Regier
01:08:10 Hertha Lund, Self
01:08:41 Rep. Regier
01:08:56 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
01:09:41 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony:
01:10:40 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy

EXHIBIT(feh64a06)
01:20:13 Darryl James, Montana-Alberta Tie-Line Project (MATL), Enbridge

EXHIBIT(feh64a07)
01:21:01 Rep. Regier
01:21:02 Darryl James, Enbridge

EXHIBIT(feh64a08)
EXHIBIT(feh64a09)
01:26:16 Rep. Regier
01:26:19 Darryl James, Enbridge

EXHIBIT(feh64a10)
01:30:44 John Alke, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU)

EXHIBIT(feh64a11)
EXHIBIT(feh64a12)
01:32:19 Charles Wideman, Self

Informational Testimony:
01:34:13 Edward G. Beaudette, Staff Attorney, Legal Services, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
01:37:29 Rep. Boland
01:38:03 Charles Wideman, Self
HEARING ON HB 587

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Proponents' Testimony:
01:59:44 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
EXHIBIT(feh64a13)
EXHIBIT(feh64a14)
EXHIBIT(feh64a15)
EXHIBIT(feh64a16)
02:11:34 Gary Peterson, Self
02:15:45 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council
02:16:24 Rep. Regier

Opponents' Testimony:
02:16:38 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
02:24:49 Dennis Iverson, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA)

Informational Testimony:
02:26:55 Tom Richmond, Administrator and Petroleum Engineer, Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (MBOGC), Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
03:26:02 Rep. Regier
02:27:06 Tom Richmond, MBOGC
02:28:07 Eric Dale, Tax Analyst, Tax Policy and Research Office, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**
02:28:34 Rep. Kary
02:29:03 Rep. Coffin
02:29:06 Rep. Kary
02:29:12 Rep. Coffin
02:29:32 Rep. Regier
02:29:34 Rep. Kary
02:29:41 Tom Richmond, MBOGC
02:30:48 Rep. Kary
02:30:53 Tom Richmond, MBOGC
02:31:32 Gary Peterson, Self
02:31:50 Gary Peterson, Self
02:31:58 Gary Peterson, Self
02:32:06 Rep. Knudsen
02:32:32 Gary Peterson, Self
02:33:18 Rep. Regier
02:33:41 Tom Richmond, MBOGC
02:35:33 Rep. Regier
02:35:39 Rep. McNally
02:36:15 Derf Johnson, MEIC
02:37:04 Rep. McNally
02:37:18 Derf Johnson, MEIC
02:37:28 Rep. McNally
02:37:48 Tom Richmond, MBOGC
02:40:12 Rep. Knudsen
02:40:34 Rep. Coffin
02:40:42 Rep. Knudsen

**Closing by Sponsor:**
02:40:54 Rep. Coffin
02:42:36 Rep. Knudsen left the meeting.
02:45:34 Rep. Regier
02:47:07 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:47:18 Rep. Regier
02:47:24 Hope Stockwell, LSD

**EXHIBIT(feh64a17)**
**EXHIBIT(feh64a18)**
**EXHIBIT(feh64a19)**
02:48:13 Rep. Regier
RECESSED

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 617

03:01:08 Rep. Regier
03:02:22 Rep. Kary
03:02:30 Rep. Regier
03:02:38 Rep. Kary
03:02:40 Rep. Regier
03:03:29 Rep. Lang
03:03:43 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:03:49 Rep. Regier
03:04:27 Hope Stockwell, LSD

EXHIBIT (feh64a20)

03:04:47 Rep. Regier
03:04:59 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:07:28 Rep. Regier
03:07:32 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:08:09 Rep. Regier
03:08:13 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:08:16 Rep. Regier
03:09:02 Rep. Knudsen
03:09:18 Rep. Regier
03:09:20 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:09:21 Rep. Regier
03:10:05 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:10:27 Rep. Regier
03:10:31 Hope Stockwell, LSD

EXHIBIT (feh64a21)

03:10:54 Rep. Regier
03:11:00 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:11:12 Rep. Regier
03:12:20 Hope Stockwell, LSD

EXHIBIT (feh64a22)

03:13:00 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:13:07 Rep. Regier
03:13:11 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:13:15 Rep. Regier
03:13:30 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:13:52 Hope Stockwell, LSD

EXHIBIT (feh64a23)

03:14:03 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:14:04 Rep. Regier
03:14:08 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:14:13 Rep. Regier
03:14:39 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:14:47 Rep. Regier
Motion: Rep. O'Hara moved that HB 617 DO PASS.

Discussion:
03:15:59 Rep. Regier

Motion: Rep. O'Hara moved that HB 617 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (feh64a24)

Discussion:
03:16:25 Rep. Regier

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: Rep. O'Hara moved that HB 617 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (feh64a25)

Discussion:
03:17:05 Rep. Regier

Vote: Motion carried 13-1 by voice vote with Rep. Lang voting no.

Motion: Rep. O'Hara moved that HB 617 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (feh64a26)

Discussion:
03:18:14 Hope Stockwell, LSD

03:18:24 Rep. Regier

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: Rep. O'Hara moved that HB 617 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
03:25:40 Motion/Vote: Rep. O'Hara moved that HB 617 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:
03:26:10 Rep. Regier
03:26:13 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:26:33 Rep. Regier
03:26:40 Rep. D. Moore
03:26:56 Rep. Regier


03:27:59 Rep. Regier
03:28:32 Rep. Regier
03:28:35 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:28:59 Rep. Regier
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:29:28

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT(feh64aad.pdf)