Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on January 23, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 190, 1/13/2015; HB 243, 1/13/2015
HEARING ON HB 190

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
00:01:21 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 190, Eliminate certain automatic utility rate adjustments for taxes and fees.

Proponents' Testimony:
00:05:53 Brad Johnson, Public Service Commission (PSC)

EXHIBIT (feh15a01)

EXHIBIT (feh15a02)
00:10:24 Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Council (MCC)
00:15:26 Greg Jergeson, Self

Opponents' Testimony:
00:22:02 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

EXHIBIT (feh15a03)
00:41:32 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
00:45:47 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
00:48:37 Rep. Steenberg
00:49:27 Brad Johnson, PSC
00:49:40 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission (PSC)
00:50:36 Rep. Custer
00:51:06 Travis Kavulla, PSC
00:53:17 Rep. Pinocci
00:53:42 Travis Kavulla, PSC
00:55:21 Rep. Pope
00:55:49 Travis Kavulla, PSC
00:58:18 Rep. D. Moore
00:58:48 Harold Blattie, MACO
00:59:07 Chairman Lang
00:59:50 John Fitzpatrick, NWE
01:01:28 Rep. D. Moore
01:01:57 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:
01:03:07 Rep. Woods

01:07:06 Recess
01:14:30 Reconvened
HEARING ON HB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
01:14:47 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 243, Full public disclosure of hydraulic fracking fluid chemicals.

Proponents' Testimony:
01:20:56 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
01:22:36 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
EXHIBIT (feh15a04)
01:26:53 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
01:27:42 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon and Montana Trout Unlimited
01:30:33 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

Opponents' Testimony:
01:31:15 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
EXHIBIT (feh15a05)
01:44:22 Alan Olsen, Self
01:48:20 Denis Iverson, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA)
01:49:39 Gary Forrester, Fidelity Exploration and Production

Informational Testimony:
01:50:44 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
01:52:20 Alan Olson, Self
01:53:02 Alan Olson, Self
01:56:00 Rep. Zolnikov
01:56:28 Alan Olson, Self
01:58:02 Rep. Zolnikov
01:58:15 Alan Olson, Self
01:58:28 Rep. Steenberg
01:59:06 Derf Johnson, MEIC
02:00:17 Rep. Zolnikov
02:00:41 Jessica Sena, MPA
02:01:18 Rep. Person
02:01:50 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:02:26 Rep. Person
02:02:34 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:03:17 Rep. Person
02:03:24 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:03:55 Rep. Custer
02:04:20 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:04:32 Rep. Custer
02:04:57 Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:05:56 Rep. Pope
02:06:47 Derf Johnson, MEIC
02:07:51 Rep. Pope
02:08:34    Jim Halvorson, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
02:08:58    Alan Olson, Self
02:14:06    Rep. Welborn
02:15:07    Denis Iverson, NMOGA
02:15:38    Rep. Person
02:15:52    Adam Haight, NPRC
02:16:11    Rep. Richmond
02:16:59    Rep. Dunwell
02:17:25    Rep. Richmond
02:18:20    Rep. Dunwell
02:18:38    Rep. Richmond
02:19:21    Rep. Dunwell
02:20:19    Rep. Richmond
02:21:11    Rep. Dunwell
02:21:47    Chairman Lang
02:21:56    Rep. Dunwell
02:22:09    Chairman Lang

Closing by Sponsor:
02:22:31    Rep. Dunwell

02:24:03    Chairman Lang
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:24:37

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT(feh15aad.pdf)