



ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

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Zoom

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Mary McNally, Chair (D)
Sen. Terry Gauthier, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Trevor Graff, Research Analyst
Bethany McDowell James, Secretary
Jameson Walker, Attorney

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

PROXIES ([Attachment 3](#))

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

10:00:42 Sen. Mary McNally called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

ETIC SJ3 NUCLEAR BILL DRAFT - Trevor Graff, LSD Research Analyst

10:02:01 Mr. Graff ([Exhibit 1](#))

10:02:50 Sen. McNally asked Mr. Graff for a review on the bill.

10:03:16 Rep. Sullivan asked for a brief overview of the bill for public commenters.

10:03:36 Mr. Graff gave a synopsis of the bill draft. (See exhibit 1)

Committee Discussion on ETIC SJ3 Nuclear Bill Draft

10:06:59 Sen. McNally asked Mr. Graff to refresh the committee on where they left off on discussing the bill draft. (See exhibit 1)

Public Comment on ETIC SJ3 Nuclear Bill Draft

10:08:46 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity

10:10:57 Written public Comment ([Exhibit 2](#))

MOTION

10:11:20 Rep. Sullivan moved to table the bill draft. (See exhibit 1)

VOTE

10:11:40 Rep. Sullivan's motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy. Reps. Binkley and Hayman voted by proxy. (See attachment 3)

Committee Discussion

10:13:28 Rep. Zolnikov

ETIC REPORT DRAFTS - Trevor Graff, LSD Research Analyst

10:14:55 Mr. Graff discussed SJ 3 study report. ([Exhibit 3](#))

10:15:08 Mr. Graff discussed SJ 33 study report. ([Exhibit 4](#))

Public Comment on ETIC report drafts

10:16:47 None

Committee Discussion

10:16:53 Sen. Gauthier asked Mr. Graff about SMR data in the SJ 33 study report. (See exhibit 4)

10:18:39 Sen. McNally asked about a motion to vote on the study reports. (See exhibits 3 and 4)

10:19:09 Rep. Olsen asked Mr. Graff about adding information on addressing waste and its associated cost and impacts.

10:20:17 Rep. Olsen stated her concerns for adding more information on waste disposal in the SJ 3 study report. (See exhibit 3)
10:21:33 Sen. Gauthier responded to Rep. Olsen's comments.
10:22:09 Rep. Galloway responded to Rep. Olsen's comments.
10:23:26 Rep. Olsen asked to add Rep. Galloway's comment on waste information.
10:24:14 Sen. Gauthier responded to Rep. Olsen's comment.
10:25:28 Sen. Ellis commented on the necessity of adding more information on waste in the study report. (See exhibit 3)
10:26:27 Sen. McNally commented on leaving the information on waste in the study report as is. (See exhibit 3)

MOTION

10:27:22 Sen. Ellis moved to vote on the study report as is before additional comments are made. (See exhibit 3)

VOTE on SJ3 Study Report

10:28:37 Carried 9 - 1 by roll call vote with Rep. Olsen, voting no. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy. Reps. Binkley and Hayman voted by proxy. (See attachment 3)

VOTE on SJ33 Study Report

10:30:03 Carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy. Reps. Binkley and Hayman voted by proxy. (See attachment 3)

Public Comment on any topic within ETIC's jurisdiction

10:31:21 None

Committee Discussion

10:31:28 Rep. Zolnikov commented on drafting a letter to PSC.

MOTION

10:32:21 Rep. Zolnikov moved to draft a letter to PSC to inform them of ETIC's support of their rule changes.

Discussion on the Motion

10:32:57 Sen. McNally asked for comments.
10:33:09 Sen. Gauthier commented his support for drafting the letter.
10:33:54 Sen. McNally commented her support for drafting a letter to PSC.

VOTE

10:35:41 Rep. Zolnikov's motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy. Reps. Binkley and Hayman voted by proxy. (See attachment 3)

CLOSING REMARKS

10:36:37 Sen. McNally

ADJOURN

10:38:15 Sen. McNally adjourned the meeting at 10:38am.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:39:02