

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Derek Skees, on March 29, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Derek Skees, Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Brittany Bury, Committee Secretary
Trevor Graff, Legislative Branch
Taylor Eggebrecht, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 657, 3/24/2021; HR 4, 3/24/2021
Executive Action: HB 653

14:59:48 Vice Chair Zolnikov assumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 657

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:59 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 657, Establish the rural broadband revolving loan account.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:46 Rep. Sullivan

15:09:41 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmer's Union (MFU)

15:10:54 Kevin Hamm, Treasure State Internet and Telegraph (TSIT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:03 Rep. Custer

15:13:29 Rep. Sullivan

15:13:55 Rep. Runningwolf

15:14:18 Vice Chair Hayman

15:14:39 Rep. Runningwolf

15:15:03 Rep. Phalen

15:15:15 Rep. Runningwolf

15:15:26 Rep. Kortum

15:17:07 Rep. Sullivan

15:17:56 Rep. Runningwolf

15:18:20 Rep. Kortum

15:18:27 Rep. Runningwolf

15:19:30 Rep. Brewster

15:21:10 Rep. Runningwolf

15:21:35 Vice Chair Zolnikov

15:22:04 Rep. Runningwolf

15:24:05 Rep. Duram

15:25:12 Rep. Runningwolf

15:25:19 Rep. Brewster

15:27:15 Rep. Runningwolf

Closing by Sponsor:

15:27:40 Rep. Runningwolf

15:29:13 Vice Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON HR 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:29:30 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HR 4, Resolution to limit the production of nuclear weapons.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:15 Lucretia Humphrey, self
15:40:08 James Humphrey, self
15:47:21 Gordon Whirry, self
15:49:29 Jasmine Krotkov, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:53:12 Rep. Phalen
15:55:05 Chair Skees entered the meeting.
15:55:55 Rep. Olsen
15:57:56 Rep. Duram
16:00:27 Rep. Olsen
16:02:05 Vice Chair Hayman
16:02:23 Rep. Olsen
16:05:37 Rep. Custer
16:07:15 Rep. Olsen
16:08:15 Gordon Whirry, self
16:09:53 Rep. Binkley
16:10:48 Rep. Olsen

Closing by Sponsor:

16:14:27 Rep. Olsen

16:17:21 Chair Skees assumed the chair.
16:18:50 Vice Chair Hayman
16:19:07 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 653

16:20:15 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 653 BE TABLED.**
16:20:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote.

16:20:56 Chair Skees

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:21:22

Brittany Bury, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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