

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on April 13, 2021 at 3:45 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Sen. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren de Paepe, Committee Secretary
Trevor Graff, Legislative Branch
Jacquie Simmons, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 16, 4/7/2021
Executive Action on: HB 576 - Be Concurred in as Amended; HJ 16 - Be Concurred in as Amended

15:46:55 Sen. McNally entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HJ 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:47:25 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HJ16, Joint resolution regarding television broadcast designated marketing areas.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:51:00 Sen. Kary
15:51:38 Rep. Duram
15:52:13 Sen. Kary
15:52:23 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:52:39 Sen. Regier
15:55:32 Rep. Duram
15:56:00 Sen. Kary
15:56:32 Mr. Graff, LSD
15:57:05 Chair Ankney
15:57:12 Sen. Kary
15:57:18 Sen. Cuffe
16:01:49 Rep. Duram
16:02:00 Mr. Graff

16:03:02 Sen. Molnar left the meeting.

16:03:06 Sen. Cuffe
16:03:36 Mr. Graff
16:03:44 Sen. Regier
16:04:16 Mr. Graff
16:04:22 Sen. Regier
16:04:29 Chair Ankney
16:04:33 Rep. Duram
16:04:40 Chair Ankney
16:04:53 Sen. Kary
16:04:58 Chair Ankney

Closing by Sponsor: None

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 16

16:05:40 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HJ 16 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:05:47 Sen. Kary

16:05:55 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HJ 16 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY.**

Discussion:

16:06:37 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:06:43 Chair Ankney

16:06:46 Mr. Graff, LSD

16:06:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lynch and Sen. Molnar voted by proxy.

16:07:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Small moved that **HJ 16 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lynch and Sen. Molnar voted by proxy. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 576

16:08:25 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 576 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:08:38 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 576 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(ens70a01\)](#)

Discussion:

16:08:49 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division

16:09:17 Sen. Small

16:09:31 Mr. Graff, LSD

16:10:41 Sen. McNally

16:10:51 Mr. Graff

16:11:15 Sen. Cuffe

16:11:24 Chair Ankney

16:12:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lynch and Sen. Molnar voted by proxy.

16:12:27 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 576 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(ens70a02\)](#)

Discussion:

16:12:41 Chair Ankney

16:13:10 Sen. Regier

16:13:19 Without objection, Sen. Small withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

16:13:25 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 576 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:13:40 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 576 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(ens70a03\)](#)

Discussion:

- 16:14:13 Sen. Kary
- 16:14:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lynch and Sen. Molnar voted by proxy.
- 16:15:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 576 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 8-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope and Sen. Sweeney voting no. Sen. Lynch and Sen. Molnar voted by proxy. Sen. Ankney will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

- 16:17:32 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- 16:17:43 Chair Ankney
- 16:17:46 Mr. Graff, LSD
- 16:18:19 Sen. McNally
- 16:18:23 Chair Ankney
- 16:18:37 Mr. Graff
- 16:18:45 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:18 PM

Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens70aad.pdf](#))