

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Katie Zolnikov-R, on January 30, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 472

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)

Staff Present: Lucinda Blair, Secretary
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst

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:

HJ 3 01/27/2023

Executive Action:

15:01:40 **Recessed**

15:10:49 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HJ 3 – Resolution to support Ukraine and U.S. policies that aid Ukraine

Opening Statement:

15:11:00 Rep. Tom France (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HJ 3, Resolution to support Ukraine and U.S. policies that aid Ukraine.

Proponent Testimony:

15:18:20 Michael McFaul, Self

15:30:45 Rep. Brad Barker, HD 58

15:40:45 Veronika Fomishyna, Self

15:44:02 Ronda Wiggers, Self

15:48:40 Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

15:49:48 Tatiana Lukenbill, Self

15:55:55 Rabbi Laurie Franklin, Montana Association of Rabbis

15:59:05 Pastor John Lund, Self

16:01:01 Steven Levine, Self

Opponent Testimony:

16:03:50 Liam McCollum, Self

16:12:02 Darin Gaub, Restore Liberty

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:29:20 Rep. Kelly Kortum

15:29:35 Michael McFaul

16:16:18 Rep. Paul Green

16:16:40 Darin Gaub, Restore Liberty

16:18:12 Rep. Bob Phalen

16:19:05 Rep. Tom France

16:20:00 Rep. Greg Kmetz

16:24:08 Rep. Paul Fielder

Closing Statement:

16:25:17 Rep. Tom France (D), HD 94, closed the hearing on HJ 3.

16:27:40 Rep. Derek Harvey, Point of Personal Privilege

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:29:28

Lucinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: EXHIBIT(230130FEH)

**BUSINESS REPORT
MONTANA HOUSE
REGULAR**

(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations

Date: 01/30/2023

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Capitol

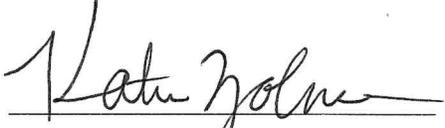
Room: 472

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HJ 3 Resolution to support Ukraine and U.S. policies that aid Ukraine - Rep. Tom France

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Comments:


Rep. Katie Zolnikov-R, Chair

House
Roll Call

(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations

DATE: 01/30/2023

TIME: 3:00 PM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/EXCUSED</u>
Bishop, Laurie		X
Brewster, Larry	X	
Fielder, Paul	X	
Galloway, Steven	X	
Green, Paul	X	
Harvey, Derek	X	
Kasmier, Joshua	X	
Kmetz, Greg	X	
Knudsen, Casey	X	
Kortum, Kelly	X	
Phalen, Bob	X	
Sullivan, Katie	X	
Zolnikov, Katie	X	



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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VISITOR REGISTER

FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE 1-30-2023

BILL NO: H.J. 3

SPONSOR(S): Rep. France

SHORT TITLE: Resolution to Support Ukraine and U.S. policies that aid Ukraine

Please leave prepared testimony with the clerk. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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Table with 5 columns: Name, Representing, Support, Oppose, Informt1. Rows include: Randa Kliggers (self, Support), Shawn Reagor (MHRN, Support), Liam McColthum (self, Oppose), Veronika Fomishyna (self, Support), John Beaver (self, Support), ~~Debra B...~~ (self, Support), Myla Mamushkva (self, Support), Danin Gomb (Restore Liberty, Oppose).

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STATE OF MONTANA

**ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS**

GREG GIANFORTE
GOVERNOR



KRISTEN JURAS
LT. GOVERNOR

TO: All State Agency Directors

FROM: Governor Greg Gianforte

CC: Montana Board of Investments
Attorney General Austin Knudsen
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance and State Auditor Troy Downing
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

DATE: March 2, 2022

RE: State of Montana assets and Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin is waging a vicious war against the sovereign, democratic Ukraine, violating international law. Resilient, freedom-loving Ukrainians are fighting back courageously with everything they have. The international community has responded by imposing sanctions against Russia, its banks, its businesses and industry, and pro-Putin oligarchs.

While I have spoken with many of you informally, I write today to formally request you conduct a swift, thorough review of assets and operations that may benefit the Russian government, its supporters, and any institutions aiding Russia in its war against Ukraine. Please advise me of those assets and operations, as well as a suggested course of action, as soon as possible.

My office has been working with the Montana Board of Investments to determine what assets the state holds with Russian institutions. The board has identified approximately \$15 million in assets tied to Russian interests, and I am proud to report the board is in the process of divesting.

With the collapsing Russian economy and the crashing ruble, I ask all state agencies and appropriate boards to review investments and quickly identify assets connected to the Russian government, its supporters, and any institutions aiding Russia in its war against Ukraine.

The State of Montana will not support Russia's war against Ukraine through our assets or operations. We will do all we can to remove any benefit that supports or advances Russia's vicious war machine.

Montana stands with Ukraine.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte".

DAINES BECOMES ONE OF FIRST AMERICAN LEADERS TO VISIT UKRAINE SINCE RUSSIA'S INVASION

APRIL 14, 2022

U.S. SENATE – U.S. Senator Steve Daines visited Ukraine to meet with Ukrainian officials and see firsthand the aftermath of Putin's atrocious war crimes against the people of Ukraine.

"While meeting with leaders in NATO countries bordering Ukraine, I was invited to meet Ukrainian officials in Kyiv and Bucha and see firsthand the butchery and war crimes committed by Putin," Daines said. "There is indisputable evidence of Putin's war crimes everywhere—the images of shallow mass graves filled with civilians, women and children are heart wrenching. America and the world need to know about Putin's atrocities against the innocent people of Ukraine now, not after time has passed and the aftermath of evil and bloodshed have been cleaned up. The sooner we can provide Ukraine with the lethal aid they need to win this war, the sooner we will end the war crimes. President Zelenskyy has been urging leaders from around the world to come to Ukraine—I'm proud to help show that America stands shoulder to shoulder with the people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom."

<https://www.daines.senate.gov/2022/04/14/daines-becomes-one-of-first-american-leaders-to-visit-ukraine-since-russias-invasion/>



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02.24.2022

TESTER STATEMENT ON RUSSIA'S ILLEGAL ACTS OF WAR IN UKRAINE

U.S. Senator Jon Tester, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, today released the following statement after Russian forces illegally invaded Ukraine:

“Vladimir Putin single-handedly started an unprovoked war that makes the world less safe. I stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and with every freedom-loving democracy in condemning Russia’s illegal military actions. The United States will continue to support the security and stability of our NATO and European allies in the face of these acts of war.”