

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 February 6, 2023 at 3:03 PM, in 472

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 191 TO TABLE

HB 278 TO TABLE

HJ 3 TO TABLE

15:04:50 **Recessed**

15:23:58 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 191 – Eliminating class D motor carrier regulation

15:24:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 191 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:25:40 Rep. Kelly Kortum

15:26:30 Rep. Paul Green

15:27:20 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **HB 191 BE TABLED.**

Vote: Motion carried 7 – 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Fielder, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Green, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 278 – Revise motor carrier rate regulation laws

15:29:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 278 DO PASS.**

15:29:40 **Motion:** Rep. Paul Green moved that **HB 278 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:29:55 Trevor Graff

15:30:24 Rep. Derek Harvey

Vote: Motion carried 7 – 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Brewster, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Kmetz, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Phalen, voting no.

15:32:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 278 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:32:30 Vice Chair Katie Sullivan

15:33:05 Rep. Larry Brewster

15:33:48 Chair Katie Zolnikov

15:34:45 Rep. Paul Fielder

15:35:25 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

15:36:12 Rep. Derek Harvey

15:36:48 Rep. Paul Green

15:37:19 Rep. Larry Brewster

Vote: Motion failed 8 – 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Fielder, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Green, Rep. Kassmier, Chair Zolnikov, voting yes.

15:39:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 278 BE TABLED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

15:40:00 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HJ 3 DO PASS.**

15:40:45 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Joshua Kassmier moved that **HJ 3 BE TABLED.**

Vote: Motion carried 8 – 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Green, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Kmetz, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:42:25

Lucinda Blair, Secretary

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